

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2015

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 142 “Let There Be Light”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

At the sounding of the Rin Gong, please enter into Shared Silence.

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

* **Song of Praise** (please see lyrics inside cover)

Responsive Reading # 649 “From Generation to Generation”

* **Unison Reading of Our Covenant** (please see words inside cover)

* **Doxology** (please see lyrics inside cover)

For All Ages

Congregational Offering *Photograph*, Ed Sheeran

Children & adult leaders go to religious education classes & activities.

Our Community’s Announcements

Meditation

Readings/Sermons

Hymn # 281 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Readings/Sermons

Hymn # 350 “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

Readings/Sermons

Hymn # 336 “All My Memories of Love”

Readings/Sermons

Unison Closing

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction.

Postlude *El Manana*, Guillaz

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Both Services

Service Leaders: Paula Amat, Sam Atac, Aron Bartozsek, Katherine Benjamin, Celia Boss, Elaina Boss, Mitchell Boss, Grace Christiani, Alexander Cordogan, Angelo Fanella, Libby Fanella, Neil Glazier, Lara Gruninger, Mara Handler, Anna Hickey, Sarah Hickey, Natalie Hong, Griffin Johnson, Audrey Jonke, Bryce Jonke, Isaac Karim, Anna Masini, Joe Masini, Dane McKittrick, David Montgomery, Mary Phillips, Kenna Powell, Victoria Samm, Sophia Spiegel, Christopher Stibal, Ryan Thornton, Katy Vetter, Quinn Welsh, Ravyn Wheeler, Gillian Whiting, Charlotte Whiting, Luci Whiting, Ben Zinser

Musician: Tom Zimmerman
Social Hour Hosts: the Facilities Team
Counters: Kevin Beyer, Ellie Radvanovsky
LRE Point Person: Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, Tracy Rosenkrans

9:30am service

Nursery Caregivers: Kathy Bonea, Veronica Norris
Grades K-2 Teachers: Carol Myers, Jenna Webster
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Alice Martin, Shawn Thornton

11:15am service

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Grades K-2 Teachers: Jaime Andersen, Chung Liang
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Wendy Mosier, Lyn Wilder-Dean
Grades 6-8 Teachers: Kate Johnson, Anne Wilson-Dooley
Grades 9-12 Advisors: Nancy Christensen, Mary Jonke, Elba Karim, Zia Karim, Laura Laughlin, Andy Montgomery, Bill Pokorny, Tom Zimmerman

INSIDE STORY: Canvass Update

A huge "Thank you!" to those who have already pledged. As of Thursday, February 19, 64 pledgers have committed \$140,540. If you haven't replied to your Pledge Team Member or sent in your pledge form yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can pledge online at uusg.org/pledge-form/ or on a paper form in the Common Room. We hope you'll join us for an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Sunday, March 8 at 12:30pm. Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/ice-cream-social.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

The painting at the front of the sanctuary was a gift from the **YRUU group in 2013**. Church members added their thumbprints to make leaves on the tree. The tree is a living symbol of our community, each branch providing connection, support, and enrichment.

Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies who meet once a month to discuss interesting and important issues and events. They will meet at church today at 12:30pm to make final plans for their **annual LGBTQ church service on March 1** and the “Friday Flicks” presentation of the video “Gen Silent” on February 27. Contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org with questions.

New to UUSG? Then join us for our “**New UUs**” **Orientation Program**, which began last Sunday and continues today and next Sunday. Sessions run 12:30-3pm. You’ll have an opportunity to discuss personal journeys, ways to get involved, the history of the church, and what it means to be a member of UUSG. A light lunch is included. We are planning to provide childcare (up to age 6), so please let us know if you need it. Feel free to join us today even if you haven’t signed up yet.

This month’s Friday Flick, on February 27 at 7pm, will be the award-winning film “**Gen Silent.**” This documentary reveals the plight of **LGBTQ elders** in facilities where they face discrimination by staff and bullying by other seniors. While this is not happening in all care facilities, it is prevalent enough that it has been called “an epidemic.” The film is sponsored by the UUSG Interweave Group.

Our next Mental Health Ministry event is Sunday, March 1 at 3:15pm. **Ben Walker, a social worker** and former member of UUSG, will talk about several aspects of the psychological treatment of LGBTQ individuals. He will review the options available to youth who are discovering their sexuality. He will describe treatment options for such common ailments as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Finally, he will discuss challenges over the life span for LGBTQ individuals.

Never Meditated? It's a great time to start! The UUSG Buddhist Meditation & Study Group will be starting a new book in a few weeks, "Zen Keys" by Thich Nhat Hanh. **They welcome new members and visitors anytime.** For more information, contact Lisa Gades and Eric Bodwell at uubuddhism@uusg.org.

The UUSG Emergency Response Team (ERT) has launched a 4-phase program to equip our congregation to address a variety of natural and human emergency situations. Phase 1 trained members in CPR, installed 6 new first aid kits, and created policies that were passed by the Board of Directors. We have a **critical need to obtain members who are directly in the profession and/or have relevant experience dealing with "people safety."** This might include police officers, security guards, or others with similar capabilities. If you would like more information, contact Hal Schulman (ERTLeader@uusg.org) to discuss how you could support efforts to improve UUSG safety.

Signing up to be a Sunday greeter is an easy and important way to help out at UUSG. It requires no preparation; just arrive 15 minutes before the service starts. **Lindsay is especially appreciative if you sign up in advance** in the Common Room or at uusg.org/greeting.

Bring your inner child and come drum with us at the **Drum Circle**, or just clap along and enjoy the fun on Sunday, March 22, 12:30-2pm in the Sanctuary. All ages are welcome and no experience is needed. Bring a drum or percussion instrument and a sack lunch. Some drums will be available to share on first-come basis.

LENDING A HAND

Did you **enjoy volunteering** for the annual Canvass Day of Service? If so, we'd love to have you at one of our many events throughout the year. Visit uusg.org/opt-in to sign up for information about the Monthly Days of Service, Food Bank Ministry, and great opportunities for children and families.

Are you a folding pro? Can you crease pieces of paper like nobody's business? Then we have a job for you! **Our office needs one person** to fold the Mini-Pioneers on a monthly basis. The opening is for the 2nd Thursday/Friday of each month and the project takes 30-45 minutes. Interested? Please contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, at office@uusg.org.

We're looking for people with good handwriting to write "thank you" notes to those **UUSG members and friends who turn in a pledge form**. Stationery, envelopes, stamps, & addresses will be provided. Note-writers will not have any pledge info about those whom they're thanking. If you can help out, contact Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org) and tell her how many notes you can write in February and March.

NUTS & BOLTS

Staff Time Off Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, will be on Study Leave March 9-12. Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips will be off work March 15-19.

Winter Weather Closing Policy As a regional congregation, with many of our folks traveling a considerable distance to get to Geneva, we do have a policy for winter weather:

- If the wind chill in the greater Chicago area is colder than 40 degrees below zero, or if travel advisories have been issued because of snow or wind, we cancel all church events, including any meetings, office hours, RE classes, and worship.
- If Sunday activities are canceled, we'll try to get that information onto our website and the Congregational Administrator's voicemail message (call 630-232-2350, then press 1-0-0 to hear the message).
- During the week, if you're not sure about the severity of the weather, please check with your group's facilitator.
- When in doubt, please stay home!

Assistant Minister Search Update The Search Committee is diligently searching! We are pleased to tell you that we are moving forward with candidates who are enthusiastic about our position, our community, and our covenant. As always, we will keep you informed of our progress.

What Happens at Board Meetings? To improve communication, the Board of Directors publishes a summary of each meeting (see the article below for information about the February meeting). For a more detailed description of the Board meetings, see the official minutes online (uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes). Please note that these are posted later than the summary, after they have been approved by the Board the following month. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Board meetings, which are held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Board Meeting Summary: February 10, 2015

- Conducted Executive Session on personnel matters
- Will hire engineer to determine feasibility and cost of moving Pioneer House
- Updated progress of Assistant Minister search
- Initiated planning for Annual Report and Annual Meeting
- Discussed needs for keeping ministries enthusiastic and alive
- Initiated response to City of Geneva for Pizza Booth at Swedish Days

On May 24, we'll **dedicate new memorial stones** as they're installed in the Memorial Garden. If you would like to remember a loved one with a carved stone, please talk to our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, or give her a completed order form (tinyurl.com/aroy3fb) by April 1.

When you do your shopping at AmazonSmile, **Amazon donates 0.5%** of the purchase price to UUSG! Just visit smile.amazon.com. You need to select "Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva" before you begin shopping for the church to receive donations from eligible purchases. This works with any existing Amazon.com account. Just remember to select items via the Amazon Smile website.

PROMOTING PRACTICAL GOODNESS

The Food Bank Ministry Team will have its next volunteer event at the **Northern Illinois Food Bank on March 7, 9-11:30am**. Children age 8 and up are welcome to come with a parent. Sign up today to claim your spots! To join the mailing list, send an email to Kevin Beyer at foodbankleader@uusg.org.

It's time to spread the love! Send warmth for body and spirit by creating gifts for others with our Commit to Knit group. Our handiwork goes to **local services as requests come in** or to Knitting4Peace.org (non-profit). Work your own or join us in the Common Room between services on the first Sunday of each month. All skill levels are welcome, and help is available. Donations of yarn, needles, and patterns are gratefully accepted. Contact Katherine Lyons (knitting@uusg.org) with any questions.

GIVING THANKS

This week's "**Promoting Practical Goodness**" Award goes to Mary Swanson, who has volunteered to coordinate this year's Swedish Days Pizza Booth! We're looking forward to another fun and successful week of fundraising.

We are grateful to our **Facilities Team for providing Social Hour** this morning. Joining together for food and conversation is an integral part of our Sunday mornings. We are grateful to you for helping us feel welcome. We will look forward to Social Hour with our Interweave Group next Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Day of Service on February 7. Over 140 UUs were out "promoting practical goodness" in our community! See the display in the Common Room for a full list of volunteers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

The YRUU team has worked very hard to prepare a wonderful service for all of you today. We hope you enjoy!

We apologize for having to cancel childcare for the canvass dinner. We exhausted all our resources and were left unable to staff the nursery. We hate when this happens and apologize to those families affected. In the near future we are hoping to have a sub list for those willing to assist with childcare at events when needed. This includes UUSG adults and teens. If you are interested in being on the event childcare list, please contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson at LRE@uusg.org.

The next **Junior High Youth Group** meeting is on Saturday, February 28, 7-9pm at UUSG. We look forward to seeing all of you!

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, **“Bible Study for UUs”** is the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on March 16 and we will discuss The Revelation to John. The supplemental reading (in “Understanding the Bible,” by John Buehrens) is pages 187-196. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 1, 2015: Interweave Services

March 8, 2015: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates: “It’s About Time”

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Board Meeting Summaries & Minutes: uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes

Team Reports: uusg.org/team-reports

Financial Reports: uusg.org/financial-report

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT UUSG

Sunday, February 22

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm “New UUs” Orientation Program
- 12:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Interweave Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Women’s Retreat Planning Group
- 3:00 pm Habitat for Humanity Planning Meeting

Monday, February 23

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share
- 7:30 pm Compassionate Communication Study Group
- 7:30 pm Online Covenant Group

Tuesday, February 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Small Group Ministry
- 7:30 pm Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis

Wednesday, February 25 Senior Minister’s Day Off

- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:30 pm GAS AA

Thursday, February 26 Senior Minister’s Sabbath

- 6:30 pm FRVI Mental Health Meeting
- 7:00 pm “Feel Good in the Present” Group Meeting
- 7:30 pm Online Covenant Group
- 7:30 pm Write Time Writers’ Group

Friday, February 27 Congregational Administrator’s Day Off Church School Administrator’s Day Off

- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks: “Gen Silent”

Saturday, February 28

- 10:00 am
- 7:00 pm

Congregational Administrator’s Day Off
Church School Administrator’s Day Off
Online Covenant Group
Junior High Youth Group

Sunday, March 1

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- 2:00 pm
- 3:15 pm

Big Ideas Covenant Group
“New UUs” Orientation Program
Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group
Ministry on Ministries Meeting
Mental Health Ministry Event: Psychological
Treatment for LGBTQ Individuals

GIVING “BEYOND OUR WALLS”

Each week, funds identified “Beyond Our Walls” (BOW) are donated to a charity or social service project that our Social Justice Team has identified as being in harmony with our mission to be “...a force for compassionate social justice.”

YRUU Habitat for Humanity Summer Trip

For the past 15 years, our congregation has sent a team of teens and adult advisors to Habitat for Humanity chapters across the Midwest to donate a week of service, by building a home with a Habitat partner family.

While that sentence states a fact, it misses the learning and the sweat, the comfort zones breached, the human compassion awakened, and most of all, it misses the laughter and the love.

The teens of YRUU, current and past, thank this congregation again for its generous support of this life-enlightening mission trip.

For people who would like to target their donations to particular causes, here is the schedule for the rest of 2015:

March 1: Cause identified by Interweave

March: Chicago Workers’ Collaborative

April: Cause identified by the Green Sanctuary Team

May: “Freedom from Hunger” micro-grants

June: Tri-City Family Services

July: JAMS secondary school for girls in rural Kenya

August: Teaching Tolerance

September: Lazarus House

“CHANGE FOR A CHANGE”

The “Change for a Change” jar at the front of the Sanctuary is a year-round project that supports an organization chosen by students in our Religious Education Program.

This church year, contributions to the “Change for a Change” jar will support our Bridge family, Jasmine Cotton and her five-year-old twin boys, Jahki and Jahleel. Jasmine is earning high grades at DeVry Institute, where she is pursuing a nursing degree. Her active sons are attending day care and preschool. UUSG is partnering in this project with the DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church.

GETTING INVOLVED

- Want to learn more about being a “For All Ages” presenter? Contact Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.
- Want to share special music with the congregation? Contact our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org.
- Would you like to greet or host? Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/greeting/ or uusg.org/hosting/. Questions? Talk to our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.
- Interested in learning more about our religious education program and teaching the next generation of UUs? Contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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