



May 3, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Reverend Scot Hull, Ministerial Candidate for Settled Minister

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson

Musicians & Soloists: Tom Zimmerman, piano; Elena Spiegel, violin; Sophia Spiegel, cello, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Director: Jeff Stibal

Search Team Members: Kevin Beyer, Doreen Christiani, Tom Lichtenheld, Kevin O'Neill, Amanda Slaiher, Roxanne Willis, Tom Zimmerman

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, May 10: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Sunday, May 17: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Prelude *Berceuse*, from *Huit Morceaux*, R. Gliere

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty everywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.

Our Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious
improvement,
We have associated ourselves together -
Not as agreeing in opinion,
Not as having attained universal truth in belief
Or perfection in character -
But as seekers after truth and goodness.

Doxology

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise;
Let beauty, truth, and good be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

Time for All Ages

Hymn # 18 “What Wonderous Love”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss
And takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul,
And takes away the pain of my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground,
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul, O my soul,
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul.

To love and to all friends, I will sing, I will sing
To love and to all friends, I will sing.
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend,
With thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing,
With thanks unto the end I will sing.

Reading & Meditation “God is no noun” by Dr. Glen Thomas
Rideout

Minute of Silence

Musical Response *Allegro Moderato*, from *Romantic Pieces*,
Dvorak

Sermon “Longing and lament, laughter and light”

Hymn # 140 “Hail the Glorious Golden City”

Hail the glorious golden city, pictured by the seers of old:
everlasting light shines o’er it, wondrous things of it are told.
Wise and righteous men and women dwell within its gleaming
wall; wrong is banished from its borders, justice reigns supreme
o’er all.

(cont.)

We are builders of that city. All our joys and all our groans
help to rear its shining ramparts; all our lives are building
stones. Whether humble or exalted, all are called to task divine;
all must aid alike to carry forward one sublime design.

And the work that we have builded, oft with bleeding hands and
tears, oft in error, oft in anguish, will not perish with our years:
it will live and shine transfigured in the final reign of right:
it will pass into the splendors of the city of the light.

Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude *Scherzo, from Huit Morceaux, R. Gliere*

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Announcements

May Beyond Our Walls Given the long lines of people at food bank distribution centers around the country, it is evident that COVID-19 has left many, many people in need of food.

Therefore, our support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank is even more crucial right now. Whereas BOW funds are intended mainly to support the elderly, immigrants, and the homeless, by donating to the NIFB we can help support all of these. All BOW donations for May will be directed to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to help those suffering most from this pandemic. Your contributions are very much appreciated. If you have any questions for this volunteer effort, please contact one of the following Social Justice Team members. Larry Escalona, escalaz39@gmail.com, Jean Pierce, jeanpierce@aol.com.

The Communications Team is looking to recruit, and you're hired (non-monetarily)! We are a recently resurrected volunteer team focused on communications, marketing, and welcoming people beyond our walls (BOW) to check UUSG out. Youth and members of underrepresented populations are especially encouraged to join. We welcome ALL members of all skill, commitment, and curiosity levels. Please contact the Communications Team Leader, Caroline Amelse, at communications@uusg.org for more information.

UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group is now meeting by Zoom! We will begin a new book on Wednesday, May 6. Please join us for "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama XIV and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7-8pm. Please e-mail Lisa Gades at uubuddhism@uusg.org for more information.

Notice of Annual Meeting: May 17, 2020, 11:30am - 1:00pm

To be held via Zoom

The Board of Directors gives notice that UUSG's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2020. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect next year's Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee members. In accordance with UUSG's bylaws, a quorum of 25% (63) of the Voting Members of the Society is required. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

View the Proposed Slate of Candidates

<http://www.uusg.org/2020-2021-slate>

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUsd-2hqjsiH9wvjCVDzSGGI mebMsrBxX3K>

Flower Power! Join us for our annual Flower Communion Service on May 10, at 10am via Zoom. This year flower communion will look a bit differently. Send in a photo of yourself or family with flowers to Christine at office@uusg.org and this will be shared during the service.

Bible Study for UUs For UUs who simply want to learn more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, "Bible Study for UUs" is on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on May 18. We'll begin our discussion of "Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife" by Bart Ehrman. Hopefully, we can meet in person, otherwise we'll use Zoom. It worked pretty well for our April meeting. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Virtual Religious Education Virtual RE is an opportunity for our youth to see each others' faces, hear each others' voices and connect. It's an opportunity to share smiles, laughter and excitement as well as concerns or fears. There are so many things our voices and body language convey that written words alone can not. As we get more experience in our virtual classes, the time is becoming more meaningful. Please facilitate your child in attending class. Times are as follows:

K-2 Sundays 9:00-9:30am

3-5 Saturdays 4-5pm

6-8 Saturdays 5-6pm

YRUU Sundays 12-1pm

Class meeting links and reminders are sent out weekly to each parent group. Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at DRE@uusg.org with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Thank you for Showing Your Love by Making Your Pledge!

Building and sustaining our community requires an ongoing, generous commitment from each other, to each other. Your pledge provides essential financial support for the people, place and programs that make UUSG our beloved spiritual home. But your generosity also has an impact beyond our walls, supporting UUSG's longstanding commitment to advancing compassionate social justice. It takes a strong, financially stable church to supply the energy and resources to make a difference in the wider world. Haven't pledged yet? We need to hear from you asap! <http://www.uusg.org/pledge-form>

Corona Virus Mask Making Opportunity

The Social Justice Team is joining efforts with the "We Can Lead Change" group that is assembling and distributing no-sew masks. They have a well organized process and are currently delivering thousands of masks but need more "Assembly Workers" to build the volume. These masks are being delivered to many shelters, nursing homes, and first responders.

If you would like to get into the fun, please see [this video](#) on how to assemble masks.

You can keep up to 5 masks for the use of you and your family. They are surprisingly comfortable, and can be washed up to three times in a mesh bag...air dry.

Assembly volunteers pick up a mask kit of materials for 25 and then return the finished set at Christine's Schirtzinger's porch at 3448 Dover Hill Ct St Charles, Illinois 60175 anytime between 9AM and 9PM.

UUSG Members Bill Koehl and Bill Scown would like to keep track of our volunteer effort. To get started please give Bill Scown a call at 630-360-0905 or email wncscown@comcast.net.