



June 21, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Musician:** Sandra Anderson

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, June 28:** UUA General Assembly Worship at 9am

**Sunday, July 5:** Kevin O'Neill: Augustus Conant & Abolition

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Prelude** *Open Roads*, Michael Scott

## Welcome & Community Announcements

### Song of Community # 1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.

Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.

The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

## Call to Worship

### 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.

### **Sacred Story** "Packing for the Journey"

### **Offering**

### **Hymn # 1014** "Answering the Call of Love"

The promise of the Spirit:  
faith, hope and love abide.  
And so ev'ry soul  
is blessed and made whole;  
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

**Chorus:** We are answering the call of love:  
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
we are answering the call of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier  
to keep love tightly bound.  
Corrupted by fear,  
unwilling to hear,  
denying the beauty we've found.

### **Chorus**

A bright new day is dawning  
when love will not divide.  
Reflections of grace  
in ev'ry embrace,  
fulfilling the vision divine.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Meditation**

### **Shared Quiet**

**Musical Response** *Sonata Op. 13: Adagio cantabile*, Beethoven

**Message** "Wishes"

**Hymn # 1017** "Building a New Way"

We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way,  
feeling stronger ev'ry day,  
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free,  
hate and greed and jealousy.  
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need,  
Start with love, that is the seed.  
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry,  
Without these this world will die.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.

**Sending Our Light into the World**

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Ecossaisen D. 529 Nos. 1, 2*, Schubert

# Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar)

(All activities meet via Zoom. Contact your group leader for links.)

## **Sunday, June 21**

## **Monday, June 22**

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

## **Tuesday, June 23**

- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

## **Wednesday, June 24**

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Luncheonettes

## **Thursday, June 25**

## **Friday, June 26**

## **Saturday, June 27**

## **Sunday, June 28**

- 9:00 am General Assembly Online Worship Service

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## **Announcements**

### **Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19**

**Reopening Strategy.** As UUSG looks ahead to the coming year, we're thrilled to begin our new journey with Rev. Scot Hull. At the same time, unexpected and weighty decisions demand our attention about how we will do church and when we'll resume "normal," face-to-face worship and ministry practices. [Visit our website to learn more about UUSG's plan for the future.](#)

**The Board of Directors** has extended our current stay-at-home practice including a continuation of virtual services, group meetings and other functions until at least Friday, July 31. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) as relevant.

**FY 2020-2021 Budget.** The Board of Directors finalized the 2020-2021 Budget on June 9, 2020. To view a copy, [please see here.](#)

**Summer Worship Kicks off Next Sunday!** UUSG's first summer service, June 28, is also the final day of UUA General Assembly, which concludes with a communal service. Instead of our usual Zoom worship, we are going to join this service virtually. It is typically (when there's no pandemic) the largest annual gathering of UUs in service, and this year many UU congregations will be joining. This is a great opportunity for those who have never been to G.A. as well as those who have and recall how powerful this communal service is. Who knows what might happen with all that collective UU focus and energy? On the morning of June 28, please visit our [Upcoming Services](#) page where you will find the links to join both the UUA service, and our social hour. Please note that the service is an hour earlier than our usual time--9 a.m. After the service, we can meet on UUSG's Zoom for coffee hour and breakout rooms.

**Attend UUA's 2020 Virtual General Assembly** [General Assembly \(GA\)](#) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). This year's meeting, taking place June 24-28, will be a 100% virtual event focused on the theme "Rooted, Inspired, and Ready!" This year's plenary speaker (Ware Lecturer) is Naomi Klein, Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture and Feminist Studies at Rutgers University.

UUSG's Board of Directors encourages members and friends to attend as you're able. On June 28, in lieu of our own 10am Zoom service, UUSG will join General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship at 9am CST, which will be followed immediately by UUSG social hour. On the morning of June 28, please visit our [Upcoming Services](#) page where you will find the links to join both the UUA service, and our social hour. In addition, families are encouraged to consider watching together the Synergy Building Worship program on Friday, June 26, [streaming free](#) from 5 to 6pm CST. This is described as "a transformative multigenerational worship. Come be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary musical performances."

Financial support is available for UUSG members who wish to but cannot afford to register. Funding is limited and will be provided on an as-needed, first-come basis. If interested, please email Board President Brian Doyle by Sunday, June 21. To learn more about 2020 General Assembly:

Read about [Program Highlights](#).

View the [Program Schedule](#).

Download the [GA Mobile App](#).

**Lazarus House Meal Servicing Volunteers** We need more volunteers to help with the meal services scheduled for July 4. We need 2 more people to provide lunch sacks and 4 to provide dinners. Please remember that each lunch volunteer will provide 17 sacks containing a sandwich, fruit or chips and a drink. Given the 4th of July Celebration on that date, we would like to recommend each dinner volunteer to provide 12 hot dogs or hamburgers, corn, and coleslaw or potato salad. [Sign up here](#). Contact Larry Escalona for questions at [escalaz39@gmail.com](mailto:escalaz39@gmail.com).

**If you spent money on behalf** of UUSG this year and have not yet requested reimbursement, **please do so by June 30**. Please scan and email your receipts to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). **Reimbursements for 2019-2020 cannot be made after June 30**.

**If you haven't fulfilled** your 2019-20 operating fund pledge commitment yet, please try to do so by June 30. Questions? Contact Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**Luncheonettes** Missing gathering with UUSG friends, but still not ready for a live gathering of more than 10? Let's 'do' lunch VIRTUALLY! Luncheonettes by Zoom, for those who identify as female, all ages welcome. Wednesday, June 24, 11:30-1:00. [Sign up here](#). The sign up has the Zoom Link and it will also be emailed the day before. Questions? Contact Rhonda, 630-740-5765 or, [rhondasuerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:rhondasuerobinson@gmail.com).

**Looking for a convenient way to fulfill your pledge** or make a donation to UUSG during this time? Visit our [website here](#) to donate using your PayPal account, credit card, or debit card. You can also contribute to our monthly "Beyond Our Walls" collections here; be sure to include "BOW" in the special note instructions. Questions about donating online? Contact Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Checks may also be mailed to: UUSG, PO BOX 107, Geneva, IL 60134.



**June “Beyond Our Walls”** Members and friends donated \$1,978 in support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank in May. In this time of crisis, our donation had an immediate impact within this community. The Food Bank will continue to be our BOW recipient in June and July. Thank you for your generous giving!

The graphic shows just how busy the NIFB was in April. June is going to be no different.

