



July 26, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

### **Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Linda Slabon

**Worship Associate:** Gail Tattersfield

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher-McCanne, piano and voice; Ruth Cavanaugh, flute; Cynthia Spiegel, voice; Toni Tollerud, crystal tone bowls; Linda Slabon, voice

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, August 2:** Andrew deCoriolis

**Sunday, August 9:** UUSG Buddhist Group

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** Crystal Tone Bowls, Toni Tollerud

## Welcome & Community Announcements

### Song of Community # 1015 "I Know I Can"

Though days be dark with storms, And burdens weigh my heart;  
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul, And burdens make me strong,  
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.

So brothers take my hand, And sisters sing my song,  
When hope awaits at every turn, I know we will go on.

## 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.

## Offering

**For All Ages** The Fair Tax Amendment Referendum  
([youtu.be/GvC-zlkgNQY](https://youtu.be/GvC-zlkgNQY))

**Special Music** “I Am Resilient,” Rising Appalachia  
([youtube.com/watch?v=tx17RvPMaQ8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=tx17RvPMaQ8))

## **Pastoral Prayer & Meditation**

### **Shared Silence**

**Musical Response** # 1048 “Ubi Caritas”

**Message** “Vote Love in These Times?”

**Special Music** UU the Vote: “We Shall Be Known,” How We Thrive Virtual Choir ([youtube.com/watch?v=ft2reFzQtOI](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ft2reFzQtOI))

## **Sending Our Light into the World**

**Benediction** “I Have Walked That Long Road,” Nelson Mandela

**Hymn** # 170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice seeking people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a justice seeking people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are young and old together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are young and old together, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are gay and straight together, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are gay and straight together, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

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

## Sunday, July 26

- 9:00am Summer RE: K-5
- 10:00am Online Worship Service
- 11:00am Summer RE: 6-8
- 12:00pm Summer RE: 9-12

## Monday, July 27

- 9:00am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, July 28

- 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

## Wednesday, July 29

- 10:30am Staff Meeting

## Thursday, July 30

## Friday, July 31

## Saturday, August 1

## Sunday, August 2

- 10:00am Online Worship Service

## Contact Information

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## Announcements

**Today: Rev. Linda Slabon** served the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb for 26 years along with her spouse, Dr. Toni Tollerud, retired Music Director. Linda is now Minister Emerita and is also an Affiliated Community Minister with the UU Church in Rockford, IL. A Clinical Social Worker, Linda maintains a small private practice, serves on the DeKalb County Board, and is a Bionic Nana with titanium hips for games with her granddaughter.

**August brings warmer weather, outdoor gatherings, as well as a few surprises for our Sunday services!** In July we heard from Augustus Conant (channeled by our own Kevin O'Neill), UUSG's dear friend Rev. Craig Schwalenberg, our own Aaron Fogleman, and our regular guest, Rev. Linda Slabon. August brings a rich line-up of worship topics, as we anticipate welcoming Rev. Scot to UUSG for his first official service as our new settled minister on Homecoming Sunday. Services are held at 10am, and the Zoom link is always available here. See you on Sunday!

**Aug. 2,** Humane Spirit, Humane Action. Join special guest Andrew deCoriolis, Executive Director of Farm Forward ([farmforward.com](http://farmforward.com)), for this discussion of the ethical aspects of factory farming. Andrew is an expert in animal welfare standards and certifications, and works closely with food companies, universities and cities to help them improve the welfare of animals in their supply chain.

**Aug. 9,** A Buddhist Sunday. Join the UUSG Buddhist Group for an enlightening morning of readings, reflections, meditations, and music.

**Aug. 16,** Poetry Service. Join us for a beloved tradition with William Elbert.

**Aug. 23,** One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, UU Fish: Searching for Answers in Picture Books. Join UUSG's own Tom Lichtenheld, who makes books for children and people who used to be children, for this special service for all ages.

**Aug. 30,** UU The Vote! The Social Justice Team will introduce us to this important UUA initiative to make our voices heard at the ballot box.

**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 September 30. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at [uusg.org](http://uusg.org) as relevant.

**Outdoor Voter Registration** 2-4pm Sunday, August 9, Peg Bond Bandshell, 151 Island Ave., Batavia. The League of Women Voters will be registering voters. Please bring 2 forms of identification. One must be either a drivers license/state ID OR Social Security. One must have a current address. Students who will turn 18 before November 3, and people who have moved since they voted last are encouraged to come. **Social Distancing and masks will be required.**

**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.](#)

**Black Lives Matter Signs Available** If you'd like to purchase a Black Lives Matter yard sign, please contact Gail Tattersfield or Christine Imielski. Signs are \$5 and all proceeds will go towards a Black Lives Matter initiative. Further donations gratefully accepted.

**Rev. Scot is on the Move** He and his family are on track to be here by August 1. He's looking forward to being physically present at UUSG and will be in the front office facing Second Street. The Facilities Team is currently sprucing up the space by decluttering, cleaning, & painting.

**Meet and Weed** with Adopt-a-Plot every Tuesday, 10am-12pm, on the UUSG grounds. Please wear a mask and socially distance appropriately. A great opportunity to see your UUSG friends and enjoy the beautiful landscaping! For more information please contact Karen Laukaitis at [weeding@uusg.org](mailto:weeding@uusg.org). Also, please note we have a new toter for weeds and any other items that we would typically put in a paper bag. It is near the back door with the other toters. **Please do not overfill or we will be charged an additional \$35.**

**Religious Education** The Religious Education Steering Team has decided to dedicate the entire summer to our first principle: "Each person is important." To that end, teachers are creating awareness of our words, attitudes and privilege; teaching about the importance of Black Lives Matter; and empowering our youth with knowledge to confidently counter prejudice. As we prepare for fall, please consider helping support our RE program. We are in need of: middle school teachers, middle school youth group leader (social events), mentors for our Coming of Age (COA) program. Please consider how and where you may be able to help support our program.

**Mutual Ground** Quarantined recently? Found old jewelry you no longer want? State Street Jewelers will give \$CASH\$ to Mutual Ground, a local domestic violence shelter, for jewelry of ANY condition or value! Some jewelry may even be used in Mutual Ground's gala auction! If jewelry doesn't make a fashion statement at your home, Mutual Ground is also requesting donations of essential items found on their [wish list here](#).

Domestic and relationship violence cases have risen and increased in intensity during shelter-in-place guidelines. This has left shelters with an increased need for community support. Now is the time to give to these essential non-profits.

**IMPORTANT:** The Social Justice Team asks that donations are left inside of the blue plastic container located at the 110 entrance to the church. Mutual Ground appreciates if jewelry donations are contained in a ziplock bag. Christine will use her superpowers to ensure that donations remain safe. For more information, email the Social Justice Team at [socialjustice@uusg.org](mailto:socialjustice@uusg.org).

**July "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 graphic shows just how busy the NIFB was in May. July is going to be no different. The NIFB is continuously updating their safety information regarding operations. Please follow the supplied [link](#) if you have concerns.

**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.

**Want UUSG to be Recognized in the Broader Community? Here's How:**

You can help ensure that UUSG is recognized in the broader community. We have more of an impact when we work with other churches and non-profits. That is why we are a proud member of the Fox River Valley Initiative. This broad-based organization does a terrific job of training people to be community organizers. The next zoom training session will be July 28, 7-8:30.

Register here: contact Lucy Tarabour, [admin@dupageunited.org](mailto:admin@dupageunited.org)

During the past 5 years, UUSG has been part of these successes:

- Since 2017, 170 police officers have been trained through Crisis Intervention to identify and de-escalate encounters with people suffering from mental illness or addiction
- Expanded and increased availability of a Crisis Stabilization Units offering people treatment instead of incarceration
- Helped create a Kane County Jail re-entry program linking ex-offenders with mental illness with appropriate treatment and housing
- Won 48 units of permanent supportive affordable housing units in Elgin
- Convinced law enforcement in the county to leverage their purchasing power to force gun manufacturers to create gun safety technologies

### **Illinois Voter Information:**

**Voter Registration** Illinois Voters may register online through October 18, at [ova.elections.il.gov/](https://ova.elections.il.gov/). Voters may register in person after that date at polling places, but they must be prepared to vote immediately after registering.

**Voting by Mail** Kane County has already mailed applications for Voting By Mail. Whether or not you have received one, if you are registered to vote you can request a Vote by Mail ballot online at [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections](https://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections). Ballots will be sent out Thursday, September 24. Returning your ballot as soon as possible is recommended so that the county is not overwhelmed with counting paper ballots returned at the last minute. Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 3.

**Voting in Person** Polling places are required to take extra precautions to ensure the health and safety of voters and poll workers. Early voting begins September 24, at the County Clerk's office or at the Aurora Satellite office.

**Early voting** at other early voting locations begins October 19 and extends through November 2.

**Student Judges** November 3 is an election day so High School Juniors and Seniors who are at least 16 years old can be trained to serve as judges. See [kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Student-Judges.aspx](https://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Student-Judges.aspx).