



August 2, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Andrew deCoriolis

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Andy Montgomery, guitar and vocals; David
Montgomery, guitar; Ellie Montgomery, piano and vocals

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, August 9: UUSG Buddhist Group

Sunday, August 16: Poetry Service

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Prelude *Where Do the Children Play?*, Yusuf Mohammed

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.

Offering

For All Ages "What the Turtle Taught Theodore," Gary Kowalski
Presented by Rhonda Robinson

Hymn # 1018 "Come and Go With Me"

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land
where I'm bound. (2x)

There'll be freedom in that land...

There'll be justice in that land...

There'll be singin' in that land...

Reading "Eating Animals," Jonathan Safran Foer

Musical Response *Better Days*, Amos Lee

Message "Humane Spirit, Humane Action"

Hymn # 131 "Love Will Guide Us"

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.
If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.
Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction # 560 "Commitment"

Postlude *Big Yellow Taxi*, Joni Mitchell

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, August 2

- 10:00am Online Worship Service

Monday, August 3

- 7:30pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

- 7:00pm Council Meeting
- 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

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

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Announcements

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!

Today, Humane Spirit, Humane Action. Join special guest Andrew deCoriolis, Executive Director of Farm Forward (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 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.**

August “Beyond Our Walls” The Northern Illinois Food Bank will continue as our Beyond Our Walls recipient for the month of August. In June they provided over 9M meals to our neighbors in need! This is an increase of about 50% from June 2019. To date, the NIFB has granted out over \$600k to their agency network to support their COVID-19 response, and will be providing additional funding in the upcoming six months. To learn more about the NIFB's COVID-19 response, [visit their website](#). To donate, [visit here](#) for our PayPal option, or mail a check made out to "UUSG" with "BOW" in the memo line to: UUSG, PO BOX 107, Geneva, IL 60134. The NIFB is continuously updating their safety information regarding operations. Please follow the supplied [link](#) if you have concerns.

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 Christine Imielski. Signs are \$5 and all proceeds will go towards a Black Lives Matter initiative. Further donations gratefully accepted.

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.

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. Checks may also be mailed to: UUSG, PO BOX 107, Geneva, IL 60134.

Illinois Voter Information:

Voter Registration Illinois Voters may register online through October 18, at 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. 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.