



August 9, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** UU Buddhist Meditation & Study Group

**Musicians:** Kristin McFadden, Tracey McFadden, Geoff Pynn

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

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, August 16:** Poetry Service

**Sunday, August 23:** Tom Lichtenheld

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** # 435 (Kathleen McTigue)

## **Welcome & Community Announcements**

**Song of Community** *If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out*, Cat Stevens

Well, if you want to sing out, sing out  
And if you want to be free, be free  
'Cause there's a million things to be  
You know that there are  
And if you want to live high, live high  
And if you want to live low, live low  
'Cause there's a million ways to go  
You know that there are

You can do what you want  
The opportunity's on  
And if you find a new way  
You can do it today  
You can make it all true  
And you can make it undo  
You see, ah ah ah  
It's easy, ah ah ah  
You only need to know  
Well, if you want to say yes, say yes  
And if you want to say no, say no  
'Cause there's a million ways to go  
You know that there are  
And if you want to be me, be me  
And if you want to be you, be you  
'Cause there's a million things to do  
You know that there are

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**Chalice Lighting** *We Gather in Reverence*, Sophia Lyon Fahs

### **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.

### **Intro to Buddhist Meditation & Study Group**

#### **Offering**

#### **For All Ages**

**Pastoral Prayer** *Suspended Between*, Linda Barnes

#### **Guided Meditation**

**Musical Response** *Be Here Now*, Mason Jennings

#### **Intro to Buddhism**

#### **Intro to Meditation**

#### **Shared Silence**

**Musical Response** *Living in the Moment*, Jason Mraz

**Reading** *Present Moment Only Moment*, Bill Bohlman

**Personal Reflections**

**Reading** *The Heart of Buddha's Teachings*, Thich Nhat Hahn

**Chalice and Benediction** *Go Forth in Simplicity*, Samuel A Trumbore

**Postlude** *I Hope*, The Chicks

## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

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

### 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

### Monday, August 10

- 10:00am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 1:00pm Finance Team Meeting
- 2:00pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 6:00pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG

### Tuesday, August 11

- 10:00am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 1:00pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 2:00pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00pm Board of Directors

### Wednesday, August 12

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 2:00pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG

### Thursday, August 13

### Friday, August 14

### Saturday, August 15

### Sunday, August 16

- 10:00am Online Worship Service

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## Announcements

**Church School Registration Reminder** Please register your child(ren) for virtual participation of these wonderful new Soul Matters lessons. The registration form can be found here: [uusg.org/registration](https://uusg.org/registration). Registration is quick and easy...it should only take a few minutes of your time. It is greatly appreciated and imperative for participation as well as planning. Please complete your registration by **Saturday, August 15**. Many thanks to those of you who have already done so. We look forward to a great year of learning and growth with our UU youth!

**Ethical Eating** In light of the warm reception of last Sunday's service, led by Andrew de Coriolis of Farm Forward, we will be exploring the opportunity to form a small group to study ethical eating and its implications. If you wish to join us, please contact Christine or Bill Koehl at [222koehl@gmail.com](mailto:222koehl@gmail.com). In response to several requests for more resources regarding the subject, please see the [information](#) Andrew deCoriolis provided for us to share with all of you.

**Meet with Rev. Scot at UUSG.** Rev. Scot has arrived and one of the first things on his agenda is to start meeting the members and friends that make up our wonderful UUSG community. He wants to hear your stories! Through the months of August and September, Rev. Scot welcomes groups of 5 or less to meet outside at UUSG to meet with him and have the opportunity to talk in

person. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. We will have a small tent for shade and chairs will be provided. In the case of inclement weather, we will notify those that have signed up if a meeting needs to be rescheduled. [Please sign up here](#) and let Christine Imielski know if you have any questions at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). **Now includes evening hours!** Rev. Scot is looking forward to meeting you!

**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.

**UUSG is offering two new convenient ways to give your pledge** and donations – a mobile phone app and text-2-give. We assessed several companies that provide these services and selected Tithely, a safe and secure giving platform. These giving methods are in addition to the existing options of mailing checks, transferring funds via online banking, and giving on UUSG's website using PayPal. Check out our [Donate Page](#) for more information.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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 online visit [here](#), 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.](#)

**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.

### **Illinois Voter Information:**

**Voter Registration** Illinois Voters may register online through October 18, at [ova.elections.il.gov/](http://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](http://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](http://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Student-Judges.aspx).