

August 16, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**In the Pulpit:** William Elbert, Deb Brod

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musician:** Sandra Anderson

**For All Ages Poets:** Will Sapet, Simon Liang, Leo Liang, Becky Hruby

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, August 23:** Tom Lichtenheld, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, UU Fish: Searching for Answers in Picture Books"

**Sunday, August 30:** Jean Pierce, "UU The Vote!"

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

## First Poem

**Prelude** *Two German Dances Op. 33*, Franz Schubert

## Welcome & Community Announcements

**Chalice Lighting** "Perhaps the World Ends Here," Joy Harjo

## 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

**Musical Response** *Midsummer*, Edward MacDowell

Droning summer slumbers on  
Midst drowsy murmurs sweet.  
Above, the lazy cloudlets drift,  
Below, the swaying wheat.

**Hymn # 326 “Let All the Beauty We Have Known”**

Let all the beauty we have known illuminate our hearts and minds. Rejoice in wonders daily shown, in faith and joy, and love that binds.

We celebrate with singing hearts the loveliness of sky and earth, the inspiration of the arts, the miracle of ev’ry birth.

Life’s music and its poetry surround and bless us through our days. For these we sing in harmony, together giving thanks and praise.

**Eight Poems**

**Hymn # 298 “Wake, Now, My Senses”**

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow;  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;  
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;  
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;  
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;  
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;  
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,  
praying and striving their hardship to end.

**Sending Our Light Into the World** “By A Departing Light,” Emily Dickinson

**Postlude** *Grandma’s Nursery Rhyme*, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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# 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 16

- 10:00am Online Worship Service

## Monday, August 17

- 10:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 11:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 6:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

## Tuesday, August 18

- 10:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 11:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

## Wednesday, August 19

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

## Thursday, August 20

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

## Friday, August 21

## Saturday, August 22

- 9:00 am Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteering

## Sunday, August 23

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

## Announcements

**Need a hymnal?** As we continue our virtual services we are happy to let members and friends "check out" a hymnal from the church. Please email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) to arrange a time to stop by UUSG. We are also offering hymnal delivery for local members who are unable to travel. Email Cynthia Spiegel at [music@uusg.org](mailto:music@uusg.org) for more information.

**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!

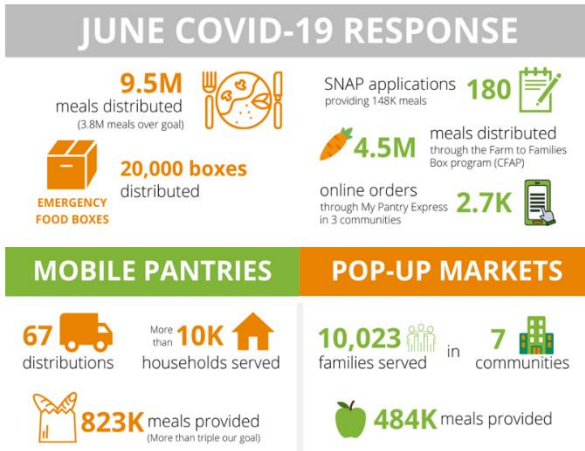
### **Aug. 23 Service: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, UU Fish**

UUSG member and children's book creator [Tom Lichtenheld](#) will talk about picture books that align with UU principles, books that reach beyond expectations and books that expand the genre. He'll be joined by two *New York Times* bestselling children's book authors: [Beth Ferry](#) and [Chris Barton](#). Please join us for this truly For All Ages service.

**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.

**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!

**Make a Difference in August!** This new graphic shows how busy the NIFB was in June. They were even busier than they were in April and May. The number for July will be even higher. We are looking for 20 members and friends to volunteer during our next volunteer event on Saturday, August 22 from 9am-12pm. With each passing month, your volunteering effort is magnified in its importance. [Sign up here.](#)



**Ethical Eating** In light of the warm reception of the August 2, 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.

**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 Tithe.ly, 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.

**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.

**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/](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).