



September 20, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, September 27: Rev. Scot Hull, "That All May be Saved"

Sunday, October 4: Rev. Scot Hull, "How the Laws of Physics Lie"

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Will Sapet

Call to Worship

Prelude "Candle Blessing," A.W. Binder, arr Charles Davidson
Blessed are You, Eternal Good, Ruler of
the universe, who hallows us work
commandments and commands us to
kindle the Shabbat/Yom Tov lights.

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 214 "Shabbat Shalom"
Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom.
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat,
Shabbat Shalom. (2x)

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Chalice Lighting Will Sapet

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.

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “Sorry (Really Sorry),” Joanna Cotler, Harry Bliss;
presenter: Tom Lichtenheld

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123, “Spirit of Life”

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Testimonial

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response “Sabbath Prayer” from “Fiddler on the Roof,”
Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick

Sermon “Days of Awe”

Closing Hymn #400, “Shalom Havayreem”

Shalom, havayreem!
Shalom, havayreem!
Shalom, shalom!
L’hitraot, l’hitraot,
shalom, shalom

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “Shalom Rav,” Klepper & Frelander, arr Kalendar, liturgy
O grant abundant peace to Israel your
people forever, for You are the King and
Lord of peace. May it please you to
bless all Your people Israel with your
please at all times and at all hours.

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 12:00 pm RE Class 6-8
- 12:00 pm RE Class 9-12

Monday, September 21

- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

- 10:00 am Facilities Work Day
- 1:00 pm Women’s Circle

Announcements

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately. If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. Every year thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. In many cases, friends and families affected by a suicide loss (often called "suicide loss survivors") are left in the dark. Too often the feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly. For more resources: nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month

Bi-Sexual Awareness Day/Week glaad.org/biweek2020 Annually from September 16-23, join GLAAD the Bisexual Resource Center and Still Bisexual in recognizing the bisexual+ community for Bisexual Awareness Week culminating in Celebrate Bisexuality+ Day on September 23. Co-founded by GLAAD Bisexual+ Awareness Week seeks to accelerate acceptance of the bi+ (bisexual, pansexual, fluid, no label, queer, etc.) community. #BiWeek draws attention to the experiences while also celebrating the resiliency of the bisexual+ community. Throughout #BiWeek allies and bi+ people learn about the history culture community and policy priorities of bi+ communities.

Mabon: Six Ways To Celebrate The Pagan Autumnal Equinox Mabon is a harvest festival the second of three that encourages pagans to "reap what they sow" both literally and figuratively. It is the time when night and day stand equal in duration thus is it a time to express gratitude, and honor a moment of balance. huffpost.com/entry/mabon-2014_n_5863384

On Rev. Scot's Desk [*Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life--In Judaism \(After Finally Choosing to Look There\), by Sarah Hurwitz*](#). Searching for meaning in the ancient scripture and traditions of Judaism, Sarah Hurwitz takes us along on an enriching journey of discovery. In *Here All Along*, she explores her birthright as a Jew and finds timeless and valuable life lessons."--David Axelrod, director of the University of Chicago Institute of Politics and former senior advisor to President Obama.

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 **November 30**. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at uusg.org as relevant.

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.](#)

Our 2019-2020 Annual Report is now available by [clicking here](#). The report includes:

- information about previous year's activities from our Ministry Teams, Board Committees, and staff
- an End-of-Year 2019-2020 Financial Summary
- the FY 2020-2021 Budget
- the 2020 Annual Meeting Presentation Slides
- the 2020 Special Congregational Meeting Presentation Slides
- Notable All-Church Emails from the 2019-2020 church year and more! If you would like to request a hard copy, please email Christine at uusg.org.

Luncheonettes Missing gathering with UUSG friends? Let's 'do' lunch virtually! Luncheonettes by Zoom, for those who identify as female, all ages welcome.

Wednesday, September 23, 11:30am-1pm. [Sign up and Zoom link here.](#)

Women's Circle: Restore And Renew, Saturday, September, 26, 1-3pm. At our upcoming, first of the fall Women's Circle Session, we will be greeting and catching up with each other, touching base, and renewing and restoring our spirits. We will be sharing emotions we have experienced most frequently over the last several months, what we have done to help ourselves when it's needed, and share solutions to help us move forward. All those members and friends (new or longtime) identifying as female (18+) are invited. [Sign up here.](#) See you Sept. 26, 1-3 on Zoom!

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 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, music director, at music@uusg.org for more information.

Social Justice News

People Who Are Making a Difference in September: The Social Justice Team sincerely appreciates the efforts of Nancy Dawn Van Beest, who is leading UUSG's "Get Out the Vote" campaign, Bill Koehl, who has invited us to be part of the church's anti-racism discussion group, and Jeanne Scown, who coordinates Tuesdays on the Bridge.

This week on the Social Justice Calendar: Sunday, September 20, 4:30-6pm Candidate Forum for Kane County Chair and State's Attorney Sponsored by Fox River Valley Initiative. To register and access the Zoom link please email or call Kathy at kathysuite@gmail.com or (630)846-3441.

Monday, September 21, 7pm 6th Congressional District Candidate Forum
[Register here.](#)

Tuesdays on the Bridge 4-5 pm on the Geneva Bridge on State Street, Geneva. Rally for candidates and issues. Wear a mask and be prepared to socially distance, please. Bring signs.

Thursday, September 24 5-9 pm: Illinois State Legislators Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BATV1017>. Click on livestream video. IL State Rep 50, IL State Rep 65, IL State Rep 49, IL State Senate 25

Thursday, September 26, 9:30am Fair Tax Town Hall After 50 years of living with Illinois' unfair income tax system, we at long last have the opportunity on Nov. 3 to vote in a Fair Tax system. Join us for inspiring orations from some of Illinois' top preachers, important politicians, and hear riveting personal testimonials from those most impacted who share how the Fair Tax will make their lives better. Sen. Don Harmon, President of the IL Senate; Rev. Dr. Marshall Hatch, Sr. Pastor of New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Ralph Martire, Center for Tax & Budget Accountability; Rev. Joe Mitchell of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (DeKalb); Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks of A Just Harvest; Rev. Brian Sauder of Faith in Place - Action Fund; [Register here.](#)

Saturday, September 26, 4pm: 14th Congressional District Candidate Forum
[Register in advance here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar

View League of Women Voters Kane County Candidate Forums

[Click here to see Candidate Forum with these races:](#) Kane Co Board Districts 10,12,14,18. Kane Co State's Attorney, Recorder of Deeds

[Click here to see Candidate Forum with these races:](#) Auditor, Circuit Clerk 16th Judicial, Kane Co Board Chair

Beyond Our Walls Donations in September for the Northern Illinois Food Bank: Since March, our congregation has contributed more than \$4000 to the Food Bank. This is impressive. But the need is huge. In one month alone this summer, the Food Bank provided over 9.5 million meals. Please give generously. Our friends and neighbors are depending on us during this COVID crisis.

Join us in writing "Get Out the Vote" letters. We're off to a great start, and we'd love to have you join in! Voters who receive handwritten mailings are significantly more likely to vote, which helps counter voter suppression. We'll help you send letters targeting traditionally under-represented voters in Michigan or other states, and you'll tell them why voting is important to you. (This is very effective!) To join this effort, you can either go right to <https://votefwd.org/> and follow the directions, or contact Nancy Dawn Van Beest for assistance. When you've addressed and sealed all your envelopes, let Nancy Dawn know so she can add the postage and hold them for the big "send date" in October. (It's important not to send them earlier.) NOTE: If you can't access the website, or need help with supplies (letters, envelopes, pens) you can get them from Nancy Dawn Van Beest at nandawn@gmail.com.

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.

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