



October 4, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, October 11: Rev. Scot Hull, Colonialism/Indigenous
People's Day

Sunday, October 18: Guest-In-The-Pulpit

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Theo, Quentin, & Autumn Yang

Call to Worship

Prelude "Curio," Michael Scott

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 128 "For All That Is Our Life"

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

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for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

Chalice Lighting Simon Liang

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 "Just Because," presented by Emily, Sarah & Helena Clark

Joys & 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 "Reflections," Amy Jo Sawyer

Sermon "How The Laws of Physics Lie"

Closing Hymn # 16 "'Tis a Gift to Be Simple," arr. Jay Althouse

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan't be
ashamed.

To turn, turn, will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the gift to be kind.

'Tis the gift of grace we know that we will find.

And when we see the light at the break of day, we'll know that
the truth will show us the way.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed.

To turn, turn, will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come round right.

Repeat First Verse

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude "A New Day," Larry Minsky

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, October 4

- 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, October 5

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

- 8:00 am Board Start-Up Meeting

Sunday, October 11

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Announcements

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.](#)

The For All Ages book today is "Just Because," by Mac Barnett and Isabelle Arsenault, published by Candlewick Press. A collection of playful answers to a child's big questions, it's reminiscent of the creation of mythology, when people combined the natural world with a healthy imagination to explain the inexplicable. Like mythology, superheros and fairy tales, it's all fiction, but still has value. Thanks to Candlewick Press for their permission to share the book today. When shopping for books, please patronize our local independent bookshops: Harvey's Tales, Townhouse Books, and Anderson's Bookshop. If you prefer to shop online, Bookshop.org allows your purchase to support the independent bookshop of your choice.

October Beyond Our Walls: The Humanitarian Seniors Project With your support, every month the Humanitarian Service Project's volunteers deliver fruits and vegetables, meat, bread, non-perishables, paper products, and more to the low-income seniors in their Senior Citizen Project. In past UUSG Days of Service, friends and members of the church have helped assemble hundreds of bags with essential supplies. Although it is doubtful that UUSG will be able to sponsor a Day of Service in the spring, our senior neighbors need our support now more than ever.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, "Bible Study for UUs" is on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on October 19. We'll continue our discussion of "[Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene: The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend](#)" by Bart Ehrman. We'll be discussing Paul. We'll discuss Mary Magdalene in November. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

At the Veterans Day service on November 8 we will once again display photos of UUSG veterans and their families (going back many generations). If you like to include your family photos, please send them to Jeff Stibal (jtstibal@gmail.com) by November 3. Electronic submissions are preferred, but not necessary. Please include captions with your submissions. If you would like Jeff to no longer include photos submitted in previous years, please let him know. Thank 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 **November 30**. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at uusg.org as relevant.

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 uusg.org.

Ethical Eating After Andrew de Coriolis' presentation on Ethical Eating this summer, there was considerable interest in developing a program for UUSG. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Bill Koehl at 222koehl@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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! 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 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.

From Rev. Scot's Desk

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and is part of an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. Please visit nationalbreastcancer.org for more information on screening, education and support.

October is also Bullying Prevention Month Every day, thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends and family, and within your school or community. Please visit pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/ to learn more and for ways to get involved.

October is also LGBT History Month This is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. Founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson, LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community, and represents a civil rights statement about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. Every day this month, a different video story will be highlighted at <https://lgbthistorymonth.com>. Please do check that out.

October is also Clergy Appreciation Month Your new clergy person wants you to know that you are loved, that you are seen, and that you are appreciated. If you're so moved to return that compassionate understanding, he wants you to know that his job would be impossible without the amazing staff at UUSG and suggests that your continuing expressions of gratitude and thanks to them would be a tremendous gift.

Soup Kitchen Group Trinity Episcopal Church, a local community shelter, continues to count on UUSG volunteers to provide lunches on a Thursday of the month every few months. They need UUSG to provide lunches for 75 people. An optimal way of making this easier for the volunteers would be for 5 families to each prepare 15 sack meals. **Our next scheduled date is Thursday, October 22.** Please consider joining in this important ministry! [For sign up and detailed instructions click here.](#)

Social Justice News

This week on the Social Justice Calendar:

September 24: Early voting began at Kane County Clerk's Office (719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva) and Aurora Satellite Office (5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F)
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-4:30pm, Wed. 8:30am-8pm

Vote by Mail Drop Boxes:

- Kane County Clerk's Office (Inside) 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva
- Aurora Satellite Office (Inside) 5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F
- City of Elgin (Inside) 150 Dexter Ct, Elgin, IL 60120

October 6: Last day to register to vote without voting at the same time (contact Jeanpierce@lwvil.org to register)

October 7: Grace Period Registration and Voting begins – only at Kane County Clerk's Office and Aurora Satellite Office (see addresses above)

October 19: Grace Period Registration and Voting at more locations

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.

Learn about Candidates Here:

illinoisvoterguide.org/ Enter your address, then click on Research Ballot.

Candidate Forums:

[See one Kane County Forum here:](#) Kane County Bd. members, State's Attorney, Recorder

[See another Kane County Forum here:](#) Auditor, Circuit Clerk, 16th Judicial, Kane Co. Bd. Chair

[See the Illinois General Assembly Candidate Forum here:](#) State Legislators for House 49, 50, 65 and Senate 25

[See the Congressional District 6 Forum here](#)

[See the Congressional District 14 Forum here](#)

We are so pleased to announce that we have established (and erected!) an outside gathering place for UUSG congregants!

On our 3rd Street property, our Swedish Days/Pizza booth tent is the new home to our outdoor, COVID-safe space. With just a quick sign-up and a promise to follow the rules, you and nine others can gather. Please utilize the sign-up here, pick a date to gather and have fun! This may be the perfect cure to that “lack of seeing” feeling that many of us have been experiencing. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Re-Opening Task Force.

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Guidelines for Small Group Gatherings on 3rd Street Property

1. All youth aged K-12 are welcome to use the tent with a parent or guardian present.
2. Use of the tent is limited to parties of 10 or less.
3. Do not come if you feel sick (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
4. Masks must be worn at all times and must cover your nose and mouth.
5. Maintain social distance (min. 6 feet)
6. Do not consume food and drinks under the tent (as these will require you to remove your mask.)
7. Bring your own chair.
8. Regarding trash, if you bring it in, take it out.
9. Please note that the church building remains closed to everyone except UUSG staff. (Bathroom facilities will be unavailable.)
10. Have fun!

[Sign Up Here](#)