



November 15, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musician: Geoff Pynn

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 22: Rev. Dr. John Buehrens: "On Being Otherwise"

Sunday, November 30: Rev. Scot Hull

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell

Call to Worship

Prelude Theme from "Star Trek"

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 302 "Children of the Human Race"

Children of the human race, offspring of our Mother Earth,
not alone in endless space has our planet given birth.
Far across the cosmic skies countless suns in glory blaze,
and from untold planets rise endless canticles of praise.

Should some sign of others reach this, our lonely planet Earth,
differences of form and speech must not hide our common worth.
When at length our minds are free, and the clouds of fear disperse,
then at last we'll learn to be Children of the Universe.

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.

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “Pluto Visits Earth,” presented by Tom Lichtenheld

Reading Excerpt from “The Moon Speech” by John F. Kennedy

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading Excerpt from *Pale Blue Dot* by Carl Sagan

Musical Response

Sermon “To Infinity and Beyond”

Closing Hymn # 1064 “Blue Boat Home”

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains
and plains.

Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I’ve been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I
known.

The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue
boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim
souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue
boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds
urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor’s song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue
boat home.

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude

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, November 15

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:15 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:15 am RE Class 9-12
- 1:00 pm Minister Coffee

Monday, November 16

- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs

Tuesday, November 17

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

- 9:00 am Northern IL Food Bank
- 1:00 pm Women's Circle

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Announcements

Today, November 15, at 1pm: Minister Coffee

Open Forum! For those of you that think those talk-back sessions are just a tad too short, this is for you. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat! Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896751773>

The For All Ages book today is "Pluto Visits Earth," written by Steve Metzger and illustrated by Jared D. Lee, published by Orchard Books. "Pluto Visits Earth" is the story of Pluto being told he's been demoted to a dwarf planet. This news is quite upsetting, triggering a journey to Earth in search of understanding why. All of us who grew up learning Pluto was a planet will enjoy the humor and feel compassion for poor Pluto. In a massive solar system, one little boy makes all the difference in how Pluto feels. Enjoy this endearing reminder of how big our smallest actions are. Thanks to Orchard Books 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.

Beyond Our Walls Transitional Living Services for Veterans Our Veterans identified the Beyond Our Walls recipient for November: Transitional Living Services for Veterans. Many veterans experience unexpected barriers to success. Our goal is to provide them with hope, health and happiness by helping them gain access to: Housing, Community Connections, Employment, Other Necessary Support, Nutrition. Their mission is to provide veterans in need and their families the services necessary to experience hope and achieve success. They do this through our four main values of RESPECT, INTEGRITY, COMPASSION and ADVOCACY.

Volunteer with us at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Our next date is Saturday, November 21, 9am - 12pm. Make a difference in your community with your UUSG friends! Sign up at uusg.org/food-bank-signup. If you need to arrange for transportation to the Food Bank: foodbankleader@uusg.org.

BYOL (Lunch) with Rev. Scot: Tuesdays at Noon Rev. Scot will be hosting an open meeting on Zoom each Tuesday at noon. No agenda. No requirements. Come if you can, when you can. Just bring yourself, your concerns, your questions, your stories, your jokes--and your lunch--and join him (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>. Meeting ID: 583 290 3665, Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 (Chicago).

Sermons and For All Ages Stories Now on YouTube! Would you like to watch past sermons and FAA presentations and share them with friends and family? Visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9oupYz5jh08iZ3u1m-J-kw>.

UUSG Women's Circle Our next session will be held on Saturday, November 21, 1-3 pm, via Zoom. Our topic is Fairness/Justice. With the election this month the topic of fairness and justice is on our minds. Most people have childhood memories of feeling that something was unfair. Do you recall a vivid childhood memory around fairness you could bring to share? We may consider how you think it shaped the rest of your life. Our meetings are open to all members and friends over the age of eighteen, identifying as female. [Sign up here for Zoom link and to let us know you can attend!](#)

UUSG's Thanksgiving Day Social Hour! Many folks will be celebrating Thanksgiving at home and on a much smaller scale than previous years. Join your UUSG friends via Zoom, 5-6:30pm. Bring your dinner, or dessert, or holiday beverage of choice, and visit with others who would enjoy the company. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85026450629>

For All Ages Opportunity Are you interested in an opportunity to read a "For All Ages" story during a Zoom Sunday service? Please let the newly formed "For All Ages Team" of Rhonda Robinson, Tom Lichtenheld and Becky Hruby know! Whether you want to read alone or with a loved one, there will be stories to tell. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list of potential readers. There will be many opportunities throughout the year. Also note whether you prefer a solo gig or have other voices in your home that would like to join you. Please contact Becky Hruby at DRE@uusg.org.

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.

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 November 16. 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 Mary Magdalene. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

How do we combat the injustices in our country? Stand up for others? Use our voices to speak for those unable to do so? In the words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” To that end, Religious Education has collected [several antiracism books for the UUSG library](#). From child and teen to adult audiences, the UUSG library has a nice selection of new titles to share. Books are available in a bin on the front porch of the Pioneer House. Please sign out the books you borrow on the log on the clipboard (inside the box). Try to return the books within a month to give others the chance to read as well. May you find inspiration and hope throughout the pages.

After Andrew DeCoriolis' Ethical Eating program last August, many expressed the desire to start sharing vegetarian recipes. Deb Brod has stepped up and is willing to coordinate this activity. Please send recipes, favorite websites, stories or information requests to Deb at: dcbrod44@icloud.com. Additional references: <https://www.facebook.com/UUVeg>. Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry: <https://uuam.org/wp/>.

Social Justice News

How to Be an Anti-Racist in our Community: “Antiracist: One who is expressing the idea that racial groups are equals and none needs developing, and is supporting policy that reduces racial inequity.” Ibram Kendi. Members and Friends of UUSG have been participating in discussions of books that challenge people to understand how their words and deeds have played a role in perpetuating racism in our society. Contact Bill Koehl through socialjustice@uusg.org to become part of the equity and diversity conversations. At the same time, there are a variety of opportunities for us to engage in antiracist actions. [Click here to find out what is available – how we all can make a difference to change our society.](#)

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