



November 29, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne; Sophia Spiegel, cello; and  
Cynthia Spiegel, voice

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, December 6:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Sunday, December 13:** Rev. Scot Hull

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

## Ringing the Bell

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** "Chorale, Dello Joio"

## Welcoming Words

### **Opening Hymn** # 225 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell.  
Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might.  
O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your presence here.

And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh,  
to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.

## 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** "If You Want to See a Whale," Julie Fogliano,  
illustrated by Erin Stead; presented by David de Coriolis

## **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.

## **Offertory**

### **Gratitude for the Offering**

### **Reading**

**Musical Response** "Close Your Eyes and Join the Wonder," music  
by Louis Bourgeois, 1551, text by Mateo Frisk

Close your eyes and join the wonder of community in soul.  
Though in body cast asunder, still in truth, this church is whole.  
Sense my hands upon your own, through the faith that we have  
known:

That our lives are interwoven from our birth upon our Earth  
home.

Though we dwell in fear and sadness, haunted by uncertainty,  
Still we know a greater gladness, which we cherish tenderly.  
In our hearts a flame burns bright, see, our chalice is alight!  
Through our labors of compassion, we are bound to one another  
tight.

Come, now feel the holy rhythm which we beat upon the ground.  
Living faith in action with them, with whose voices now we  
sound.

Though we wait in separate rooms for life outside to resume,  
No amount of space between us can extinguish love in full bloom.  
Work of hands and hearts and spirits, joined as one to make all  
free,  
Though we feel the pain of distance, we continue ceaselessly.  
Seeds we planted side by side, still we tend with fearless pride.  
Nothing now can interfere with loving hearts where promise  
abides.

## **Sermon**

**Closing Hymn** # 224 "Let Christmas Come," arr. Lynn Fisher  
McCanne

Let Christmas come, its story told,  
when days are short and winds are cold;  
let Christmas come, its lovely song  
when evening's soon and night is long.  
Let Christmas come, its great star glow,  
on quiet city, parks of snow;  
let Christmas come, its table gleam,  
love born again: the truth of dream.

## **Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Ode to Joy," Beethoven arranged by Jack Butler

## **Community Announcements**

## **Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

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

## Sunday, November 29

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

## Monday, November 30

## Tuesday, December 1

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

## Wednesday, December 2

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

## Thursday, December 3

## Friday, December 4

## Saturday, December 5

## Sunday, December 6

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 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 New UU? Q&A with the New Guy!

# Announcements

**The For All Ages book today is "If You Want To See A Whale"** by Julie Fogliano and Erin E. Stead, published by Roaring Brook Press and read by David deCoriolis. This magical, poetic book is a reminder that the world is so full of wondrous things that, to see one, you might have to avoid being distracted by another. It's about observation, wonders both small and large, and the rewards of patience. Thanks to Roaring Brook Press for their permission to share the book today. To learn more about the book and its creators, visit this site. 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](https://www.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.

**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).

**Electric Vehicles (EV) are For Everyone – The EV Revolution is Here** Tracey McFadden, Vice President of the Fox Valley Electric Automobile Association, will give a presentation on the electrification of our transportation system. Hosted by the Green Sanctuary Committee, this presentation will cover a variety of topics to include the advantages of driving an EV, types of EV's, how to purchase and charge an EV, EV adoption, and the future outlook of EV's in the US and abroad. Please join us for this lively one-hour zoom meeting on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85702473161> Meeting ID: 857 0247 3161

**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>.

**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](mailto: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](http://uusg.org) as relevant.

**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](mailto:dcbrod44@icloud.com). Additional references: [facebook.com/UUVeg](https://facebook.com/UUVeg). Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry: [uuam.org/wp/](http://uuam.org/wp/).

**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 December 21. We'll be discussing the movie "[The Last Temptation of Christ](#)." Also, I mention "[Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal](#)" a lot. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

### **Social Justice News**

**Hope for the Homeless:** Did you get a 20-pound turkey for a 2-person Thanksgiving celebration? [Sign up today to make a casserole for 12 for our homeless friends at Lazarus House](#) on December 5. If you need help with a casserole recipe, contact [socialjustice@uusg.org](mailto:socialjustice@uusg.org).

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## **Conversations with Rev. Scot, Sundays at 1pm.**

Rev. Scot wants to connect with you! Join him in December for the following discussions:

### **December 6: New UU? Q&A with the New Guy!**

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? New to UUSG? Want to know more? Join our new minister, Rev. Scot, for a monthly drop-in on the first Sunday of the month, at 1pm--after the service, coffee break-outs, and the talk-back. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat!

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/854446292800>

### **December 13: Parents Circle**

Got kids? These are impossible times, and impossible times calls for coffee and community. If you can take an hour, come chat with Rev. Scot and other UUSG parents about what's on your head & heart.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84033914938>

### **December 20: 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!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896751773>



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