



December 6, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

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

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, December 13:** Rev. Scot Hull; "What the Hannukah?"

**Sunday, December 20:** Rev. Scot Hull; "Yuletide Merry"

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell** Mikey Clements

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** Chanukah Medley arr. Allan Small

“Our Father, Our King”

Our Father, our King, be gracious unto us and answer us, for we are wanting in good deeds. Deal with us in charity and kindness, and save us.

“We Bring You Peace”

“The Hope”

So long as the heart of the Jew beats, and his eye is turned to the East - the ancient hope to return to Zion lives

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 1031 “May I Be Filled With Loving Kindness”

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be peaceful and at ease.

May I be whole.

May **you** be filled...

May **we** be filled...

**Chalice Lighting** Sam Gesiakowski

## 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**

### **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.

**REcap** Jaime Andersen, Chung Liang

## **Offertory**

### **Gratitude for the Offering**

### **Reading**

**Musical Response** "Second Gnessienne," Erik Satie

**Sermon** "Holy Envy"

#### **Closing Hymn # 1066 "O Brother Sun"**

O Brother Sun, you bring us light, all shining 'round in fiery might.  
O Sister Moon, you heal and bless, your beauty shines in  
tenderness.

O Brother Wind, you sweep the hills, your mighty breath both  
freshens and fills.

O Sister Water, you cleanse and flow through rivers and streams,  
in ice and snow.

O Brother Fire, you warm our night with all your dancing colored  
light.

O Sister Earth, you feed all things, all birds, all creatures, all scales  
and wings.

O Sister Death, you meet us here and take us to our God so near.

O God of Life, we give you praise for all your creatures, for all  
your ways.

**Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** “The Holly and the Ivy,” arr. Chip Davis

**Community Announcements**

**Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

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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, 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!

## Monday, December 7

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

## Tuesday, December 8

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

## Wednesday, December 9

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Electric Vehicles are For Everyone

## Thursday, December 10

## Friday, December 11

## Saturday, December 12

- 9:00 am Northern IL Food Bank

## Sunday, December 13

- 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 Parents Circle

# Announcements

**The For All Ages book today is “Spoon,”** written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrated by Scott Magoon, published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. Today’s story is about our tendency to think the grass is always greener just over the fence. A smart person once said, “Nothing good ever comes from comparing.” Spoon and his friends eat this lesson up in this timeless tale that reminds us to appreciate what we have! Thanks to Little, Brown Books for Young Readers 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](http://Bookshop.org) allows your purchase to support the independent bookshop of your choice.

**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).

**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 **January 31**.

**Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy.** The Board of Directors has re-visited the June 2020 Board Statement and our plans for moving forward. Please visit our website to read the letter and learn more about UUSG's plan for the future, or read it here: [Updated “Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG’s COVID-19 Reopening Strategy.”](#)

**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).

**Virtual Family Game Night!** Friday, Dec. 18, 7-8:30pm. Our first virtual game night was a hit! About a dozen friends got together and laughed, played and had fun! **“This is the most fun since sliced bread!”--P. Nut Butter**

Join your friends at UUSG for another nutty time as we play some old games and new favorites, including: Skribbl.io, Heads Up!, Psych!. We also own numerous party packs from Jackbox Games (Quiplash, Trivia Murder Party, Fibbage, to name a few)! We promise it’s not hard to play. Your belly will thank you for filling it with laughter. To play, simply join the Zoom meeting on your computer or laptop and bring an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet, which players will use separately to participate in the games. No advance preparation is necessary. We look forward to seeing you. Be there or be square! Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83203291200>

**The St. Charles Singers**, led by founder and Music Director Jeffrey Hunt, will present the 2020 "Candlelight Carols" program as a free-to-view webcast Sunday, Dec. 6. **Among the sopranos in the 35-member, mixed-voice ensemble is our own Music Director Cynthia Spiegel.** The 45-minute concert will stream at 4, 7 and 9pm, offering 13 seasonal songs by composers and arrangers from the Renaissance to the 20th century. Choristers wore special masks designed to facilitate breathing, voice projection and vocal clarity. Reservations are requested at [stcharlessingers.com](http://stcharlessingers.com) and a goodwill donation is encouraged. An email with the URL will be sent to you on or before the day of the concert. For program details, visit [shawurl.com/3ec2](http://shawurl.com/3ec2).

### **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, at 7pm.** 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 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

**Thank you:** The Social Justice team appreciates the efforts of the following people who helped feed our homeless neighbors at Lazarus House December 5: **Lunches:** Jenny Leslie and Linda Marquis; and **Dinners:** Elizabeth Clements, Cari & Samatha Gesiakowski, Winelle Glaser, Jean Pierce, and Sherry Wilson. And we recognize that creative offer of Glenda Peck, who volunteered to deliver gingerbread cookies with icing, etc. for the children at Lazarus House to decorate.

**Volunteer with us at the Northern Illinois Food Bank!** When: Saturday, December 12, from 9am to noon. Where: 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva. To sign up for this month, [please follow the link](#). If you need to arrange for transportation to the Food Bank, please email [foodbankleader@uusg.org](mailto:foodbankleader@uusg.org)

**December Beyond Our Walls: Mutual Ground Shelter** The vision of Mutual Ground Shelter in Aurora is to create a society free of domestic and sexual violence by providing education, awareness, and life-changing services that empower individuals, families, and communities to end the cycles of domestic and sexual violence in Kane and Kendall Counties. They provide counseling, advocacy, education, and shelter, as well as a 24/7 hotline. Their work is threatened by deep budget cuts from the State of Illinois. Your contribution will provide personal items needed by the individuals whom they shelter.



## **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/85446292800>

### **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>

## Short Version of Board Minutes of November 10, 2020

**From the Minister's Report to the Board:** Rev. Scot put forth the idea of growing and changing some Committee/Team functions, for example:

- o The Welcoming Team becoming the Membership Team with an end-to-end relationship with new members, following up with new members as they become integrated in the church.
- o Expanding the Communication Team to include more social media and marketing, noting that social media presence is already much increased. Marketing sometimes has a bad name, often being equated with evangelism.
- o He has been discussing making use of the 3rd Street Property to make UUSG better known and possibly forming a group of people devoted to using the property to promote ourselves.

**PPP Loan Forgiveness:** The church will be applying for forgiveness of the full amount of the PPP loan under a modification of the original PPP program.

**Personnel Committee and Handbook:** Lizzie Clements and Mary Swanson were nominated and approved by the board to serve on the Personnel Committee. The personnel handbook is in the process of being revised. Bill Pokorny has volunteered to review the new proposed handbook.

**Little Library Update:** Facilities Team has requested a delay in placement of the Little Library on the church grounds because of the rise in COVID-19 infections and the difficulty of sanitizing the library box and books. The Little Library placement will be delayed until safe.