



January 24, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Molly Brewer

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Tracey McFadden, Cynthia Spiegel, members of our UUSG choir including Katie Baar, Rachel Harbold, Kelly Herz, Clair Ryan, and Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 31: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, February 7: Rev. Scot Hull

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Theo, Quentin, & Autumn Yang

Call to Worship

Prelude "Consolation," Mendelssohn

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 95 "There Is More Love Somewhere"

There is more love somewhere.

There is more love somewhere.

I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.

There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere...

There is more peace somewhere..

There is more joy somewhere...

Chalice Lighting Elaina Hruby

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

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 “Ballad of Oxford,” Phil Ochs, performed by Tracey McFadden

Sermon “This Is Who We Are: Confronting White Supremacy in Our History”

Closing Hymn # 348 “Guide My Feet,” arr. Lloyd Larson

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race,

for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race.

Hold my hand while I run this race.

Hold my hand while I run this race,

for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race.

Stand by me while I run this race.

Stand by me while I run this race,

for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Jack Schrader

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, January 24

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am Board Chat
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:15 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:15 am RE Class 9-12
- 2:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group

Monday, January 25

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 26

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 28

- 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Group
- 1:00 pm Memoir Writing Group
- 7:00 pm Wine Down Thursday

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
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Announcements

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 **March 31**.

Luncheonettes! Happy New Year to all. We hope 2021 is a much better year, and that all of us stay well. Come share your hopes for the new year, stories of your activities, or just share time together. Wednesday, January 27, 11:30-1:00. Zoom link listed when you sign up! Hope to see you then! [Sign up here for Zoom Link](#).

Board Chat In an effort to make ourselves more accessible to the congregation, the Board will host a “chat room” on the 4th Sunday of each month. After the service, “click” on our breakout room and let’s chat it up! Want to ask a question? Bring something to our attention? We look forward to seeing you **today** (and February 28).

Stories, & Memories Writing Group. Following Rev. Scot’s recent sermon on the value of our stories, let’s explore the idea of sharing and writing together. UUSG member Gail Tattersfield has been participating in groups of writers for several years and the more she writes, the more she enjoys it! There are many ways to start this process so let’s talk about that. We are planning an initial Zoom conversation on Thursday, January 28, at 1pm. Join in on the virtual meeting and see if we can peak your interest. Contact Gail Tattersfield (gtats2@gmail.com) or Christine in the UUSG office (office@uusg.org) to have your email address added to the Zoom link list.

Women’s Circle Restore and Renew: A February Celebration Saturday, February 27, 1-3pm via Zoom. So, what is a spiritual experience after all? And how could dreams be part of that? Well, have you ever had a dream that came true? Have you ever had a nightmare that helped you see beyond your fears? Or, have you ever had a dream that helped you create something important? Dreams can do all that. And more. If, that is, we know how to decode them. And here’s a truth, no one else can tell you what your own dreams mean. But how do we decode such mysterious messages? This is what we will be exploring and sharing together in our next UUSG Women’s Circle meeting on Zoom, February 27, 1-3pm. All members and friends (new or longtime) identifying as female (18+) are invited. Please join us. [Sign up here for Zoom link and to RSVP](#).

The Green Sanctuary Team is planning to start regular meetings again in February. If you are interested in participating, please let us know. greensanctuary@uusg.org.

Wine Down Thursday. You are invited every second and fourth Thursday at 7pm to Happy Hour. Next date is January 28. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UU's as we talk about anything and everything. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241796675> Meeting ID: 842 4179 6675

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).

Join your friends at UUSG for some game play fun! 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30pm. Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83203291200>. Worried you won't know how? No problem...come and learn! 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. Mark your calendars for game nights the first and third Thursday each month. Next month's dates are February 4 & 18. We look forward to seeing you. Be there or be square!

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."](#)

Beyond Our Walls for January: Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in Kenya
When practically all of the schools in Kenya were closed for the pandemic, JAMS was unique – the teachers provided remote learning. They lived at the school and contacted the students twice a week through What's App. The school hand-delivered phones to girls living in the most remote areas of Kenya. As one of the students said recently, the teachers "would contact them and know whether they were alive or dead." Wendy Ochido, the student being sponsored by UUSG, wrote to tell us that she was balancing her classwork and

house chores. She has also joined a charity group “helping the elder people in the village.” She noted that “learning at home has been quite difficult” since the schools had only been in session for about a month before COVID closed them. She cannot wait to return to JAMS. Your donation will go towards her 4-year scholarship and to educational software designed for Kenya.

Chats with Rev. Scot, Sundays at 1pm

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

February 7: 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!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446292800>

February 14: 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.

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

February 21: 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>

Social Justice News

Thanks: The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of our Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteers in November and December: Jamie & James Carroll; Don Clements; Elizabeth, Mike & Mikey Clements; Aaron, Lucas, Noah Fogleman, & Vera Lind; Carrie, Sam, & Keith Gesiakowski; Chung, Leo, & Simon Liang; Connor & Steve Loughheed, and Jenny, Andy, Max, & Ellie Montgomery.

January 28: Help provide food for the Aurora Soup Kitchen. [Sign up here.](#)

February 6: Deliver lunch (for 17) or dinner (for 12) to Lazarus House. [Sign up here.](#)

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