



April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, piano; Rebecca Martin, mezzo-soprano; Cynthia Spiegel, soprano; Sophia Spiegel, cello; Evelyn Miller, trumpet; Choir of UU Church of Charleston, led by Susan Conant; UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel: Katie Baar, Emily Clark, Roger Gallentine, Diane Handler, Tom Haslett, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Linda O'Neill, Pat Vary, Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, April 11: Ramadan Service, Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, April 18: Earth Day Service, Rev. Scot Hull

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Owen and Maggie Schlipp

Call to Worship

Prelude "Allegro from Sonata Hob. XVI/9," Franz Joseph Haydn

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 1000 Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

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 God 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 "The Scarecrow," presented by author Beth Ferry

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 Sandra Anderson

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response "Sound the Trumpet," Henry Purcell

Sermon "Death and Resurrection"

Closing Hymn # 268 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Hearts are strong, and voices sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
As he died his truth to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Living out the words he said, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude

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, April 4

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 1:00 pm New to UU or New to UUSG? Join a Q&A with the New Guy!

Monday, April 5

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

Tuesday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 8

- 7:00 pm Wine Down Thursday

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10

- 1:00 pm See Something/Say Something: An Anti-Bias Workshop

Sunday, April 11

- 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
- 2:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group

Can't find something? Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

Announcements

The For All Ages book today is “The Scarecrow,” written by Beth Ferry, illustrated by the Fan Brothers and published by HarperCollins. The Scarecrow is an exploration of love between two unlikely friends. It is a story of the comforting power of friendship and joy of helping others. It was chosen for its message of resurrection, without being literal. Thanks to HarperCollins for their permission to share the book today. And special thanks to Beth Ferry for presenting her story as well as Tom Lichtenheld for arranging it. 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.

See-Something/Say-Something: An Anti-Bias Workshop, April 10, 1-4pm

A little science, a little history & a lot of self-reflection are the key to creating a truly inclusive and equitable society. In this workshop, we will talk about implicit bias, micro vs. macro aggressions, and what we might do or say in the moment when someone crosses the line. These skills will help UUSG become a more hospitable and welcoming place to newcomers. This workshop will be hands-on. There is no cost to UUSG members and friends. All are welcome, though some familiarity with the ideas involved are recommended. Class size will be limited, so be sure to reserve your seat by [signing up here](#). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577495824>.

April “Beyond Our Walls” UUSG’s membership in the Fox River Valley Initiative magnifies our social justice voice in the region while connecting us with like-minded congregations and nonprofits in our community to advocate for affordable housing, policies addressing needs of mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system, and safe guns. <http://www.uusg.org/donate>

Interested in Shakespeare? Want entertainment as well as to learn his philosophy? Let's get together. You'll receive the name of a play to read or watch, and then afterwards we'll get together in a discussion group. All are welcome and there is no cost, but please send an email, so we can choose a day and time to get started. Contact Rose Doreen Mace at shakespeare@uusg.org.

Difficult Conversations: The Art and Science of Working Together Your boss. A rude neighbor. A challenging family member. A childhood friend. A parent, partner, child. Engaging, or staying engaged, with these important figures in our daily lives can be a challenge. And when the conversation gets tough, what then? Neuroscience tells us that difficult conversations are difficult because they activate our fight/flee/freeze survival drive. In this workshop, you'll learn about three research-based strategies that counteract this ancient survival instinct, helping us to stay present and creative in any conversation. This is a workshop for everyone, no-prerequisite required. We're bringing this to our community as part of our ongoing commitment to living better, together, and with more compassion and connection. All are welcome. This free workshop is split across 3 separate sessions: **May 1, 8, & 15, 1-3:30pm.** [Please sign up here.](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources #2 The more we know, the more we realize how little we know. Continuing on our journey to becoming antiracists, UUSG presents more resources to facilitate awareness and knowledge. [Here are some more that we recommend.](#) We certainly don't expect you to watch/listen to/read each one -- pick ones that interest you. As you continue to learn and reflect with us, you will want to learn even more. Questions? Email the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group at dei@uusg.org.

The Bible, and other sacred texts, can be challenging. A solace for some and a weapon for others, these stories nevertheless underpin much of society and consciously and unconsciously inform our national debate. At the least, our familiarity can create flexibility and understanding; at the most, these texts can be deeply enriching, spiritual, and life-giving. As a UU, Rev. Scot's approach to scripture has always been one of curiosity – "I just kinda want to know what all the fuss is about." All are welcome. No previous exposure is required but would certainly be welcomed. Note: Yes, we are starting with the Bible, and starting completely from scratch! We'll be using the Massachusetts Bible Society's What is the Bible? as our study guide (purchase is not required). For a Bible, Rev. Scot recommends the "[Harper Collins Study Bible](#)" or the "[The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha](#)." **We will meet on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm beginning April 19.** [Zoom Link](#). Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to office@uusg.org.

Adopt-a-Plot Spring is on its way and so are our weeds! If you'd like to help with weeding the church grounds this year, please contact Karen Laukaitis at weeding@uusg.org.

Wine Down Thursday You are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm, to Happy Hour. Next date is **April 8**. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241796675> Meeting ID: 842 4179 6675.

Vaccinated? Let us know! In the spirit of optimism and hope in our community we are keeping a running tally of how many of our members and friends have received the COVID-19 vaccine. So far, **we have 84 members vaccinated**, we are so looking forward to being together again! Please let us know at admin.assistant@uusg.org.

Vaccine Angels Available to Help If you need assistance in finding and scheduling a Covid vaccine appointment, WOW would like to help. We will pair you with a Vaccine Angel (a member or UUSG friend) who will help you navigate the process. Contact WOW at wow@uusg.org for assistance.

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 **May 31**. Please read the letter and learn more about UUSG's plan for the future: [Updated "Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy."](#)

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. Final meeting before Summer sign-off is April 27.

Take Action on Climate Change All of us at UUSG can do our part to help fight climate change by supporting the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs Act. [Please click on the link](#) to send a message to your state representative and the governor voicing your support. It only takes about two minutes.

Update: The Inclusion Bookclub We have our first roster of books, and we're so excited to share them with you! Join Rev. Scot, Lisa Gades, and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We plan to have **our first meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 7pm via Zoom, with meetings thereafter on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.** UUSG will have a limited number of copies of each book available. Please check with Christine to learn more or to sign up at office@uusg.org. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87167167460?pwd=eStBK1cxNFpwWU9SaHcwMEVUbzNpZz09> Meeting ID: 871 6716 7460, Passcode: 428914

Caste: The Origin of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Wilkerson illuminates an unspoken caste system operating in America--one that cuts across race, class, and other factors. [Hear an interview with Wilkerson on NPR's Fresh Air.](#)

[Redefining Realness: My Path To Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More](#)

by Janet Mock. Mock shares her experiences of growing up young, multiracial, poor, and trans. Her story encourages all of us to be more accepting and real.

[Rage Becomes Her](#) by Soraya Chemaly

Anger in women and girls has long been less acceptable than anger in men and boys. And yet, anger is also a powerful signal that something is wrong, and action needs to be taken. Chemaly's book is important for anyone raised to suppress their anger and who now seeks to use it as a catalyst for change. [See Chemaly's TED Talk here.](#)

[An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Dunbar-Ortiz presents a history of the United States from the perspective of Indigenous peoples, highlighting our nation's colonialist policy. Not the history you learned in school.

[Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth](#) by Sarah Smarsh

By telling the story of her life, Smarsh brings America's class divide into sharp focus. She gives voice to the many hard-working people whose labor we take for granted and who deserve better.

If you visit uusg.org/calendar, and click on the event, the Zoom link will always be located there.

Short Version of Board Minutes of March 9, 2021

For full Board Minutes, visit uusg.org/minutes-and-reports

Introduction of a Big Idea Brian Doyle of the LRE Steering Committee and DRE Becky Hruby introduced a concept of family faith formation which interfaces with the LRE program. Brian presented a slide show, and both Brian and Becky discussed the concept. They were before the board asking for board support for exploring this model of faith formation. There was extensive board discussion, and many questions were asked. The strong consensus of the board was that the LRE steering committee should continue pursuing this concept for possible implementation at UUSG, so they will do so.

PPP Loan under the CARES Act UUSG's PPP loan of \$46,000+ has been forgiven in full, so we will not have to pay back any part of it.

Stewardship Update on Pledge Drive There are 28 people on the pledge drive committee. As of the meeting date, there are 72 pledges totaling about \$200,000. Compared to same time last year, the number of pledging units is about the same, but the pledge total is about \$30,000 more.

Policy Reviews The board reviewed three existing policies, Contact with Bodily Fluids, Exterior Signage and Photo & Video Use. Minor revisions were suggested to each policy. Each policy will be submitted to Attorney Bill Pokorny for final review before the board formally adopts revised policies.

Building Closure The board voted to extend the building closure to May 31, 2021.

Social Justice News

Thank you to the people of all ages who participated in this year's Week of Service. Whether you were packing food, picking up sticks, assembling kits for kids, sharing your artistic talents, or helping in another way, you can be sure that your efforts made a difference in our community.

Every Monday at 4pm: Bridge Brigade, State Street Geneva bridge

[Recording of Batavia Mayoral Candidate Forum](#)

[Recording of Geneva Mayoral Candidate Forum](#)

[Recording of St. Charles Candidate Forum](#)

Through April 5: Early Voting [See times and locations here.](#)
[Additional early voting locales open 3/22 in DuPage County.](#)

Through April 6: Grace Period Registration and Voting – same locations as Early Voting

April 6: 6am-7pm [Polling places listed here.](#)