



May 16, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Sandra Anderson; Michael Mackey; Tracey McFadden;
Cynthia, Doria, Elena & Sophia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, May 23: Rev. Scot Hull, Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 30: Julia Jones, "Diversity is Not the Point: Lessons from Tulsa"

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Simon & Leo Liang

Call to Worship

Prelude "Prelude in D Major," from "Twelve Short Preludes,"
Bach

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 205 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Chalice Lighting Christine Imielski

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) Eric Yurkewicz

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.

[We are UUs Video](#)

Welcome to New Members

Passing the Peace

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response “Bagatelle in G Minor, Op. 119 No. 1,”
Beethoven

Sermon UU History: 60th Anniversary of the U+U Merger

Closing Hymn # 145 “As Tranquil Streams”

As tranquil streams that meet and merge and flow as one to seek the sea,
our kindred hearts and minds unite to build a church that shall be free-
Free from the bonds that bind the mind to narrow thought and lifeless
creed;
free from a social code that fails to serve the cause of human need:
A freedom that reveres the past, but trusts the dawning future more;
and bids the soul, in search of truth, adventure boldly and explore.
Prophetic church, the future waits your liberating ministry;
go forward in the power of love, proclaim the truth that makes us free.

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “One Voice,” Ruth Moody

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, May 16

- 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
- 12:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, May 17

- 7:00 pm Sacred Texts Study Group

Tuesday, May 18

- 7:00 pm The Inclusion Book Club

Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

- 1:00 pm Simply Sharing Circle

Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle

Sunday, May 23

- 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
- 2:00 pm Social Justice Meeting

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

Announcements

Annual Meeting Today!

Official Notice of the Annual Meeting: Slate of Candidates for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

This year's Annual Meeting will be held today at 12:30pm via Zoom. All Members and Friends are encouraged to attend. Voting Members, [please RSVP here so we can ensure a quorum](#). Please RSVP today!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#). Meeting ID: 883 8386 7321

Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Officers & Directors

President: Molly MacKay Zacker (1-year term) Vice President 1: Nancy Christensen (1-year term) Vice President 2: Jenny Montgomery (1-year term)
Secretary: Patricia Ward (1-year term)
Treasurer: Larry Escalona (1-year term)
Director: Jessica Littlefield (2-year term)
Director: Tom Lichtenheld (2-year term)

Directors Don Clements and Gail Tattersfield will be completing the 2nd year of their 2-year terms.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee: David Tomell (1-year term) Nominating Committee Member: David de Coriolis (1-year term) Nominating Committee Member: Tracey McFadden (1-year term)

(Two remaining members of the Nominating Committee will be appointed by the newly elected Board after July 1, 2021)

Women's Circle Sunshine and spring flowers call us to gather together outside! Our WC Team has organized an afternoon of in-person catching up; no special topic beyond enjoying being together (safely!) We invite you to refresh and renew your female friendships 'down by the riverside'. Snacks provided, please bring your own drink! Hope to see many of you, Saturday, May 22, 1-4 p.m. under the Pavilion! [Sign up here](#).

May “Beyond Our Walls” This month’s BOW offering is for Lazarus House Homeless Shelter, which is both an **Emergency Shelter** and a **Center for Transitional Living** located in St. Charles. Serving as an Emergency shelter involves being open 24 hours on Monday through Saturday and 16 hours on Sunday. They make available 3 meals a day, shower and laundry facilities, and personal hygiene items. The Center for Transitional Living provides individual rooms as well as space for families to stay together. The staff creates case management plans with the goal of helping their guests attain permanent independence. In addition, Lazarus House has arranged for health care, tutoring, haircuts, credit counseling, employment services, and more. Please contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to find out how you can volunteer to prepare meals or stay overnight to assist their staff. This month’s donations will be split evenly, one-half goes to UUSG’s fund for reimbursing our meal providers and one-half goes directly to Lazarus House programs.

One Book One UUSG WOW invites you to join us for our third ‘One Book One UUSG’ discussion group on **Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00pm** via Zoom. We will be discussing the book “A Place for Us,” by Fatima Farheen Mirza. The novel focuses on an Indian-Muslim family living in California, striving to find a balance between tradition and modernity. The family of five is left to search for home in a metaphorical and literal sense. The audience is given glimpses of the family life from their beginning to their three children later finding themselves stuck between living their own lives and the lives their parents and culture expect them to follow. **Please RSVP by May 18 to wow@uusg.org.** A Zoom link will be sent out closer to our meeting date. We look forward to a great discussion. We hope you can join us.

UUSG Group Gatherings on Third Street We are thrilled to raise the tent once again. Our outdoor gathering place is up and available for use. Please keep in mind that some restrictions still apply and please adhere to those listed on the sign-up (required). [Please utilize the sign up](#) and let the safe gatherings begin. One small step for all of us...one giant step towards resuming some sense of normalcy!

Wine Down Thursday You are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm, to Happy Hour. Next date is **May 27**. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything.

[Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 842 4179 6675.

The Bible, and other sacred texts, can be challenging. 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, [the next meeting is May 17 on Zoom.](#)** Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to office@uusg.org.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources #5 "The beauty of antiracism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward." — Ijeoma Oluo. Where are you on the path to becoming antiracist? Have you actively taken advantage of the resources that the DEI has provided? If so, please let us know at DEI@UUSG.org. [More resources here.](#)

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 104 members vaccinated**, we are so looking forward to being together again! Please let us know at admin.assistant@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 **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."](#)

Social Justice News

Thank you! The Social Justice team thanks all our members who submitted written testimony and spoke at the Geneva Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, May 10, urging them to prioritize a transition to renewable energy sources rather than focusing on their investments in coal and gas. Special thanks are due to **Bill Koehl and Bill Scown** who organized recent actions and to **Reverend Hull** who spoke eloquently.

June 5: Lazarus House [Sign up here](#) to prepare lunches for 17, Dinner for 12. Contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to find out more about staying overnight to assist staff in an emergency.

Commit to Knit Resumes Our Commit to Knit program has created warm knitted items for several causes, including chemo caps for Halos for Hope and winter hats for boys at the Illinois Youth Center St. Charles. UUSG members created more than 50 peace shawls for Women4Women knitting4peace.org, a non-profit organization “dedicated to crafting hope, healing & peace one stitch at a time. . .[and] engaged in a compassionate fight for hope, healing, justice and peace for all women and children.” You may designate that your project be donated to Women4Women Knitting4Peace. If you would like to donate a completed item while the church is closed, please contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org.

HR40 Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act Urge your Congressional Representative to vote for HR40. [Find contact information here](#). This bill establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans. The commission shall examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies.

The commission shall identify (1) the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, (2) forms of discrimination in the public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and (3) lingering negative effects of slavery on living African Americans and society. [Click here for text and actions](#).