



May 30, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**Guest-In-The-Pulpit:** Julia Jones

**Worship Associate:** Rhonda Robinson

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Rachel Harbold, Linda O'Neill, Rhonda Robinson, Clair Ryan, Cynthia Spiegel, Pat Vary

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, June 6:** Rev. Scot Hull, **Pride** Sunday

**Sunday, June 13:** Rev. Scot Hull, Juneteenth

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell** Facilities Team

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** "Novelette," Dmitri Kabalevsky

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 155 "Circle 'Round for Freedom"

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,  
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,  
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,  
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

**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

## 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.

## **Birthday Celebration**

### **Offertory**

### **Gratitude for the Offering**

**Reading** “A Network of Mutuality,” Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Musical Response** “Andantino...with tenderness,” Stephen Heller

**Sermon** “Diversity is Not the Point: Lessons from Tulsa”

**Closing Hymn** # 168 “One More Step,” arr. Elizabeth Alexander

One more step,  
we will take one more step,  
‘til there is peace for us and everyone,  
we’ll take one more step.

One more word,  
we will say one more word,  
‘til every word is heard by everyone,  
we’ll say one more word.

One more prayer,  
we will say one more prayer,  
‘til every prayer is shared by everyone,  
we’ll say one more prayer.

One more song,  
we will sing one more song,  
‘til every song is sung by everyone,  
we’ll sing one more song.

## **Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **Community Announcements**

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

# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

## Sunday, May 30

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

## Monday, May 31

## Tuesday, June 1

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

## Wednesday, June 2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Julia Jones
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

## Thursday, June 3

## Friday, June 4

## Saturday, June 5

## Sunday, June 6

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

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# Announcements

**Summer BYO Lunches on Zoom!** Julia Jones, Meadville Lombard seminarian and spouse to Reverend Scot, will be hosting our summer lunch program. 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 her (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Wednesdays at noon! [Zoom Meeting ID: 885 8448 0784](#).

**Summer Care and Conversation with Julia Jones!** Have something you're wrestling with? Something sitting on your heart? Some question burbling in your soul? Or maybe you just want someone to bounce it all off of? I mean, it has been a year, right? This summer, we are delighted to have this support from Julia Jones! And every hour that we make use of her compassionate ear will count towards the fulfillment of her educational requirements. At the very least, you'll have a nice conversation with a compassionate listener! For details, or if you would like to schedule time with Julia, please reach out to her at [jjones@meadville.edu](mailto:jjones@meadville.edu).

**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](mailto: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.

**The church building will remain closed through June** The re-opening task force is meeting on a more regular basis to determine a safe opening strategy. More news will be coming.

**Announcing...Summer (In-Person) Events!** Please join us for Summer 2021 Family Ministry Events. Open to all, we hope you will join us. It would be great to see actual faces, and not just faces in Zoom boxes! We miss you and hope you can take advantage of one or more of these opportunities. Questions? Email Becky Hruby at [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org).

**Sundays, 1-3pm, dates and locations are:**

**June 13, Batavia Riverwalk, Batavia:** Meet at the playground. We can explore the Depot museum (if open), hang out at the playground, go for a stroll along the Fox River trail. We will end with a walk to the Batavia Creamery. UUSG will treat all members and friends to a cone. Nothing says summer like ice cream!

**July 18, Wheeler Park, Geneva:** Meet at the pavilion/playground area. Bring your frisbees for the free disc golf course if that's your thing. All youth will be treated by UUSG to a free round of mini golf. Bring money for the snack bar if desired. Enjoy the amenities: playground, trails, pavilion, shade and bathrooms.

**August 15, Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles:** Meet at the small playground across from the mini golf course, between the bathrooms and parking lot. While there, enjoy two shaded playgrounds, the Fox River Trail, pavilion, mini golf and snack bar. UUSG will pick up the tab on an ice cream at the snack bar.

**Wine Down Thursday** You are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm, to Happy Hour. Next date is **June 10**. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything.

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

**Styrofoam Sunday** The first Sunday of each month, 4pm, is the pick-up date/time. You may drop off packages with styrofoam at the church in the designated blue and black bins on the south side of the Pioneer House starting the Thursday prior to the first Sunday of each month following the guidelines below. **\*\*Please note the location; we understand some have left the styrofoam on the front porch.\*\*** Sunday, June 6, will be the next date. Alternatively, you may also drop packages off on the front porch of Styrofoam coordinators Diane & Roger Gallentine at 1871 Allen Drive, Geneva, during the same times. Email us at [rgallen123@hotmail.com](mailto:rgallen123@hotmail.com) or call at 630-677-6058 with any questions. All styrofoam must be in bags (not in individual pieces) with food service styrofoam and packaging styrofoam in different bags. Food packaging must be washed or we will not be able to accept it, and it will go in the garbage bins. We take all contributions to the Dart recycling pick-up in North Aurora each month.

**Time at Last! Our Walk in a Shakespeare Garden** Let's get together to talk about what goes into a Shakespeare garden. We'll meet for around an hour or so on **Monday, June 14, at 7pm** through [Zoom](#). Because this is our first meeting together, this is an opportunity to introduce each other and tell about what you would like to learn. Then as time permits, I'll provide a brief presentation about Shakespeare gardens, and include a discussion on the topic. To help us get started, I'll provide a list of online resources for you. For more information or questions: contact Rose Doreen Mace at [shakespeare@uusg.org](mailto:shakespeare@uusg.org).

**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 June 21, on Zoom.** Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources #6** "Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice." – Robert F. Kennedy  
[To aid you on your path to becoming antiracist, here are more resources you might want to explore.](#)

**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 115 members vaccinated**, we are so looking forward to being together again! Please let us know at [admin.assistant@uusg.org](mailto:admin.assistant@uusg.org).

**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!

## Social Justice News

**Thanks:** The Social Justice Team thanks the following people to helped sort and pack food at the Food Bank May 15: Kevin Beyer, Don Clements, Elizabeth Clements, Mike Clements, Mikey Clements, James Carroll, Jamie Carroll, Lisa Gades, Jason Sapet, Kerry Sapet, Will Sapet.

**June 5: Lazarus House** [Sign up here](#) to prepare lunches for 17, Dinner for 12.

**June 24:** 9-10am, Supplies for Soup Kitchen lunches. [Sign up here](#). The Soup Kitchen has seen a dramatic increase in numbers of people needing their services. In June, we need people to provide 160 of each of the following: water bottles, fruit, chips, cookies, and snack bars. We are requesting that people sign up to provide 80.

**July 3:** Beginning in July, UUSG will resume its commitment to make sure that a volunteer spends the evening at Lazarus House to help staff in case of an emergency. Please contact [socialjusticeleader@uusg.org](mailto:socialjusticeleader@uusg.org) for this opportunity.

**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](#).

**Advocating for Minority Representation on the Kane County Board** Kane County has seen a population increase recently, due to minorities moving into the Carpentersville area. However, the state is requiring the County to submit redistricting maps by July 13, based on American Community Survey data, which undercount the growth. Census data will be available in August or September. The County is holding a Redistricting Town Hall on zoom on June 2, at 6pm. If you would like to advocate that Census data be used for a more complete count of minorities, please contact [socialjusticeleader@uusg.org](mailto:socialjusticeleader@uusg.org) to get the zoom link.



## Green Sanctuary News

Last Monday night the City of Geneva voted in favor of clean energy legislation that would close the Prairie State coal plant if there were some relief from any impacts of the resulting legislation. This, along with last week's similar vote by Batavia, may be enough to encourage our elected officials to do the same. It looks like there could be an early closing date for Prairie State. If you are reading this on Sunday, there is still one more day in the spring legislative session and unless something crazy has happened in the interim, this will still be up in the air until late on Monday. And still alive. **We have gone from a zero chance to a 50/50 chance that this could happen.** One of the biggest things to ever happen in the Fox Valley is possible. Just thought you'd like to know.