



July 4, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Independence Day

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Dr. Laura Solomon

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Carl Kennedy, Michael Mackey,
Cynthia Spiegel, Peter Storms, Amanda Thomas

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, July 11: Caroline Bright, "Chagrin and Bear It"

Sunday, July 18: Rev. Jen Raffensperger, "Love Thy Neighbor as
Thyself"

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell Owen & Maggie Schlipp

Call to Worship

Prelude "Down a Country Lane" (commissioned by "LIFE" magazine), Aaron Copland

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 1040 "Hush"

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.

Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.

Oh my Lord, oh my Lord, what shall I do?

Sounds like freedom, somebody's callin' my name...

Sounds like justice, somebody's callin' my name...

Soon one mornin', death comes creepin' in my room...

I'm so glad that trouble don't last always...

Chalice Lighting Theo & Quentin Yang

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) Leo 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.

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 "A New National Anthem," Ada Limon

Musical Response "This Is My Song," lyrics Lloyd Stone; music Jean Sibelius/arranged

Sermon "The Unsung Third Stanza"

Closing Hymn # 1017 Building a New Way

We are building a new way.

We are building a new way.

We are building a new way,

feeling stronger ev'ry day,

We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.

We are working to be free.

We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.

We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.

We can feed our ev'ry need.

We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.

We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.

Peace and freedom is our cry.

Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.

Peace and freedom is our cry.

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “Shall We Gather at the River,” Robert Lowry, arr. John Arnn

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 4

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

Monday, July 5

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting (online)

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

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

Thursday, July 8

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

Sunday, July 11

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Council will not meet during July and August During these months, we ask that teams/committees still complete the Teams Report, since the Board will continue to meet and much of the information is important. Of course, if there is content/information that your Team would like to share with the Council, please email the Council, either thru Realm or at council@uusg.org.

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

The Sermonators and the Sacred Texts groups will not meet in July but will meet in August.

Announcements

Title: “The Unsung Third Stanza” In her poem, "A New National Anthem," poet Ada Limon writes, "Perhaps, the truth is, every song of this country has an unsung third stanza..." And it's true - we know our country has unsung verses that continue to cause harm. What might a new verse include if we were to sing of the America we dream about? **Laura Solomon** is the summer minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA. She is a recent graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School and lives in Sykesville, MD with her dog, Maizel Roo. She believes in the profound beauty of connection and community, and the power to transform ourselves and our world when we join together to act about issues that matter.

The building is now open for in-person meetings in the Common Room.

[Please use the Room Reservation Form here.](#) There are a few guidelines that we all must abide by for the safety of our staff.

- Mask wearing is mandatory.
- Building usage is restricted to the Common Room.
- No food or drink consumption is allowed.
- The restroom closest to the kitchen is designated as the “Visitor Restroom” and the ONLY bathroom that should be used by any non-staff members
- Cleaning supplies will be clearly visible in the Common Room. It is necessary to wipe down all “used” surfaces after use.

RE Volunteers needed for our Religious Education program! Please help our youth as a classroom teacher, Arts & Exploration (A&E) volunteer, or a substitute teacher. There are two adults in every class. Everything you need is provided, including on-the-job training. We need to find three teachers to fulfill grades K-2 and 3-5, 8 A&E volunteers and 6 subs. If you are interested, please contact Becky Hruby at dre@uusg.org.

Nursery Employees Needed UUSG is seeking regular nursery caregivers for Sunday morning worship services. Hours are approximately 8:45am - 12:15pm, September through May. Prior nursery or similar experience caring for children ages 6 months-6 years is required. Minimum age 18. Pay is \$13/hour. Please contact Becky Hruby at dre@uusg.org for details.

The Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Needs YOU! Anyone who is interested in helping plan and coordinate the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives at UUSG is invited to volunteer for the DEI committee by sending a message to DEI@uusg.org.

The July BOW cause is the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants

ICDI provides a number of essential services for immigrants and asylum-seekers, including:

- Offering housing, financial assistance, and case management to people who would otherwise have been detained in traumatizing conditions
- Providing support to immigrants being held in ICE detention in county jails
- Accompanying immigrants in court and serve as observers to hold the Immigration Court system accountable
- Visiting migrant children apprehended by the US Government for crossing the border who are awaiting reunification with a family member.

UUSG's Monarch Diary (Installment 4) UUSG's Monarch "Baby M" emerged on June 29, and is now roaming Aurora looking for nectar. Baby M was a male and was named Malcolm Augustus. In addition to Malcolm, UUSG is raising three other Monarchs: the Sapets will soon release Carle, Christine Imielski and her family are raising a caterpillar, and Sherri Casterline has a baby "cat." This is the last installment of the UUSG Monarch Diary 2021. We hope you enjoyed it, learned from it and are willing to help the monarch population by raising milkweed in your yard or raising a monarch. Our offer still stands. We will provide you a caterpillar and cage if you want to raise one and join UUSG's Monarch Ranchers Club. [The fourth installment of "UUSG's Monarch Diary" can be accessed here.](#) Many thanks, Kevin and Linda O'Neill

Have you been vaccinated? As we near our re-opening, the news is very good. Although masks will still be required for any in-person activities, we are still keeping a running tally of how many of our members and friends have received the COVID-19 vaccine. So far, we have **133 members** vaccinated. We are so looking forward to July 1! Please send vaccination updates to admin.assistant@uusg.org.

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.](#)

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

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 & 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.

Unsung Heroes Many tasks and caring acts get accomplished by volunteers at our church unbeknownst to many of us. These people go above and beyond what is asked or expected of them. We would like to recognize these Unsung Heroes. If you would like to nominate one of these heroes, please submit their name to WOW leadership at wow@uusg.org. Please include a brief description of the "behind the scenes" unselfish acts. If you have a photo of your hero, please attach it. These entries will be included in our weekly Mini Pioneers.

One Book One UUSG Your WOW Leadership has chosen a new title for our One Book One UUSG Book Club. Please join us **in the Common Room** at UUSG on Wednesday, July 28, for a discussion on "Born a Crime," by Trevor Noah. This is non-fiction, an autobiography written by an amazing young comedian. If you are interested in attending, kindly RSVP to wow@uusg.org. We prefer to have an accurate count of friends and members so that we can be better prepared. "Born a Crime" is the winner of the Thurber Prize. The compelling, inspiring, (often comic) coming-of-age story of Trevor Noah, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

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? 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.

Sacred Texts Study Group: 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 **August 16**, on Zoom. Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to office@uusg.org.