



June 13, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Gail Tattersfield

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Samantha Gesiakowski, Cynthia, Doria, Elena & Sophia Spiegel, UUSG Choir: Kelly Herz, Rachel Harbold, Rhonda Robinson, Mary Davis, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Linda O'Neill, Pat Vary, Jessica Littlefield, Katie Baar, Andy Montgomery, Mark Adams, Tom Haslett, Dave Hanchette, Roger Gallentine, Tom Zimmerman

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, June 20:** Rev. Scot Hull, Father's Day

**Sunday, June 27:** 2021 UUA General Assembly Service

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell** Mikey Clements

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** "Deep River," Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 30 "Over My Head"

Over my head I hear music in the air.

Over my head I hear music in the air.

Over my head I hear music in the air.

There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head I hear singing in the air...

Over my head I see trouble in the air...

Over my head I feel gladness in the air ...

Over my head I see angels in the air ...

**Chalice Lighting** Mikey Clements

## 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** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” arr. Calvin Taylor

## **Gratitude for the Offering**

### **Reading**

**Musical Response** “Jacob's Ladder,” Spiritual arr. John Carter

### **Sermon**

### **Closing Hymn # 1030 “Siyahamba” (We Are Marching)**

Zulu:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siya hamb' ekukhanyen' siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

English:

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of God.

## **Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** “Be the Change,” words adapted from Gandhi, music Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt, sung by UUSG Choir

## **Community Announcements**

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

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# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

## Sunday, June 13

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Human Resources Committee Meeting
- 1:00 pm RE Summer Family Ministry Event

## Monday, June 14

- 7:00 pm Shakespeare Group

## Tuesday, June 15

- 7:00 pm The Inclusion Book Club

## Wednesday, June 16

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

## Thursday, June 17

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

## Friday, June 18

## Saturday, June 19

- 9:00 am Facilities Team Work Day
- 9:00 am Northern IL Food Bank

## Sunday, June 20

### Father's Day

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

**Can't find something? Need a little more information?** Check out our website at [uusg.org](https://uusg.org) and our calendar at [uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar).

# Announcements

**The Re-opening Task Force and the Board of Directors** are BEYOND ELATED to announce that the building will be re-opening for **in-person meetings in the Common Room** on Thursday, July 1st! [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.

Please, please, please abide by these guidelines; all of us want to be together but we need to keep in mind that the safety of our staff and congregants is of the utmost importance and our #1 concern. **Also, please remember that this is different than having in-person services, those are still online for now.**

**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:**

**Today, 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 & 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.

**Beyond Our Walls for June: Youth Outlook** The June Beyond Our Walls offering is going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, support for parents, and community education. A number of new centers have been added in our region this year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

**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](mailto:jjones@meadville.edu).

**UUSG's Monarch Diary** Monarch butterflies are beautiful. They help pollinate flowers and vegetables. They have an amazing lifecycle. And they are endangered. The Eastern population has declined 26% since last year, and 80% over the past two decades. The Western population has declined an astonishing 99% since 1980. Why? Loss of habitat, climate change, and pesticides. Is there anything you can do about it? Yes, you can raise a monarch butterfly in your home. It's easy and fun. Kevin and Linda O'Neill have raised many monarchs and they will help explain how you can too. Just last week they found a monarch egg on UUSG's property. They will document this baby butterfly's journey in a weekly column entitled, "UUSG's Monarch Diary." In addition, they will provide an egg and butterfly cage to anyone who wants to try to raise a monarch. [The first installment of "UUSG's Monarch Diary" can be accessed here.](#)

**We would like to recognize Patrick McGleam** as an Unsung Hero of UUSG. He not only works tirelessly on the Facilities Committee on the inside of our beautiful historic building, but he also carries out many outside tasks. He cares for and trims our trees and shrubs and makes sure our water lines are in working order. He is one of the first to volunteer to complete a requested task. Thank you, Pat, for all you do for UUSG.

**Wine Down Thursday** Wine Down on hiatus for Summer. Thanks to all who "Wined Down" with us on Thursdays this year! We are taking a break for the summer. Check back in the fall.

**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](#).

**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](mailto:DEI@uusg.org). People who have contacted us before June 20 will help set the meeting times for the group.

**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.](#)

**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'm providing a list of [online resources](#) for you. For more information or questions: contact Rose Doreen Mace at [shakespeare@uusg.org](mailto:shakespeare@uusg.org).

**Unsung Heros.** 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](mailto: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.



**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 June 21, on Zoom – and please note! There will be no meeting in July! 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).

**A Reminder** If you spent money on behalf of UUSG this year and have not yet requested reimbursement, please do so by June 30. We won't be able to process any requests for 2020-2021 funds received after the end of this month. Reimbursement request envelopes are available in the Volunteer Office, or, you can email your receipts to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

### **Green Sanctuary News**

**The Springfield legislature** is making plans to return this coming week at least for one day. The focus is set to be on passing a clean energy bill. Still time to contact your elected reps one more time. Let them know that you support clean energy legislation that will close all coal plants with a Just Transition built around Equity.

### **Social Justice News**

**June 19:** 9-12: Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Sign up here](#).

**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.