



June 20, 2021

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Father's Day

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Mike Elliot, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Kristen & Tracey
McFadden, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, June 27: 2021 UUA General Assembly Service

Sunday, July 4: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Dr. Laura Soloman

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Sam Gesiakowski & Elaina Hruby

Call to Worship

Prelude "Take a Break," Wolf Mayer

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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 Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.

Our Covenant (written in 1842) Mikey Clements

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.

BOW Testimonial Lynn Steele for Youth Outlook

Offertory "Holy Manna" (hymn # 66, When the Summer Sun Is Shining),
Southern Harmony, arr. John Carter

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response "Remembrance," R. Schumann

Sermon

Closing Hymn # 66 "When the Summer Sun Is Shining"

When the summer sun is shining over golden land and sea,
and the flowers in the hedgerow welcome butterfly and bee;
then my open heart is glowing, full of warmth for everyone,
and I feel an inner beauty which reflects the summer sun.

When the summer clouds of thought bring the long-awaited rain,
and the thirsty soil is moistened and the grass is green again;
then I long for summer sunshine, but I know that clouds and tears
are a part of life's refreshment, like the rainbow's hopes and fears.

In the cool of summer evening, when the dancing insects play,
and in garden, street, and meadow linger echoes of the day;
then my heart is full of yearning; hopes and mem'ries flood the whole
of my being, reaching inwards to the corners of my soul.

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “A Minor Contribution,” Bill Boyd

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, June 20

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, June 21

- 7:00 pm Sacred Texts Study Group (online)

Tuesday, June 22

- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (online)

Wednesday, June 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Julia Jones
- 6:00 pm The Shared Pulpit Sermon Seminar

Thursday, June 24

- 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Group (off-site)
- 1:00 pm DEI Meeting (online)
- 1:00 pm Memoir Writing Group (online)

Friday, June 25

Saturday, June 26

Sunday, June 27

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

No Board Chat July 27 Due to the UUA General Assembly service we will be skipping the "Board Chat" on June 27. See you in July!

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 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.**

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 **128 members** vaccinated. We are so looking forward to July 1! Please send vaccination updates to admin.assistant@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.

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.

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.

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.

UUSG's Monarch Diary Installment 2: UUSG's monarch is eating lots of milkweed and getting bigger. The butterfly cage has been assembled and soon Baby M will be transferred to it. In about 7 days Baby M will transform from a caterpillar to a chrysalis. Recently Christine discovered another caterpillar on UUSG's milkweed plants and the Sapet family adopted it! [The second installment of "UUSG's Monarch Diary" can be accessed here.](#)

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. People who have contacted us before June 20 will help set the meeting times for the group.

DEI Resources #7. How far have you traveled on your way to becoming antiracist? Hopefully, you have gained knowledge of the history and severity of white supremacy through some of the resources the DE&I Team has provided. Education is the first step, but it is only of value if we follow it with action. [This is the last Resource List on racism for now](#), but the DE&I team will be posting the Resource Lists on the UUSG web page. Until we do so, if you would like copies of previous lists, please contact DEI@uusg.org.

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.

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.

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Green Sanctuary News

A Clean Energy bill failed to pass last week, but it was close and getting closer. They will be back, there is still a chance. There are solutions for the two primary outstanding issues. All that is needed is clarity on the schedule for gas plants closing and an agreement with labor on how to support BIPOC (minority) contractors. Nothing some more time and better organization cannot fix. Apparently, labor was surprised to find that they did not simply get their way and have to compromise.

Social Justice News

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 for this opportunity.