

**Thanks** The Social Justice Team recognizes the tremendous service which **Jeannie Scown** has provided over the years of organizing Bridge Brigade demonstrations along Routes 38 and 64.

**Oct. 2, 6-7pm:** Sign up to deliver a casserole and salad for 12 to Lazarus House. [signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cfa628a31-lazarus](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cfa628a31-lazarus)

**Oct. 2, 2pm:** Women's March for Reproductive Rights Simmons Park 1201 E. Indian Trail Rd., Aurora (across from Courthouse). Gather at Wheeler Park Geneva to carpool (masks on, windows down). Bring a sign. It is expected that this will be a demonstration, NOT a march.

**Be a First Responder for Action Alerts!** The Social Justice and Green Sanctuary Teams are creating a list of people who would like to receive timely notice of opportunities to advocate for important policies or legislation. You will be assured of receiving Action Alerts in a timely fashion. To receive these alerts, please contact [socialjusticeleader@uusg.org](mailto:socialjusticeleader@uusg.org).

**Vaccinated?** 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 **147** members vaccinated! Please let us know at [admin.assistant@uusg.org](mailto:admin.assistant@uusg.org).

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#### **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

#### **Sunday, September 26 Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting (online)

#### **Monday, September 27**

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

#### **Tuesday, September 28**

- 7:00 Worship Team Meeting (online)

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting (online)

#### **Thursday, September 30**

**Friday, October 1** Lazarus House Food Ministry

**Saturday, October 2** Lazarus House Food Ministry

#### **Sunday, October 3 Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12

**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).

**Do you want to make donations via Tithely?** Check out the Tithely QR Code.



# Welcome to This House!



September 26, 2021

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

September Theme: Possibility

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

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

**Worship Associates:** Deb Brod, David de Coriolis

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

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

#### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, October 3:** Guest: Rev. R. Ken Turner

**Sunday, October 10:** Rev. Scot Hull:  
Monsterification!

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** excerpt from “A Little Jazz Waltz,” Bill Boyd,  
“Portrait of Marcia McPartland”

## Ring the bell

## Call to Worship

**Introit** Theme from “The Greatest American Hero,” from the television series, music by Mike Post, words by Stephen Geyer

## Welcoming Words

## Chalice Lighting

## Song of Praise

## 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

## Passing the Peace

## Joys and Sorrows

**Hymn** #123 “Spirit of Life”

**First Reading** “Holding Reality and Possibility Together,”  
Samuel Trumbore

**Hymn** # 289 “Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give”

**Second Reading** “Putting the Pieces Together,” Amanda Poppei

**Responsive** “Imagine,” John Lennon, arr. Hans-Gunter  
Heumann

**Sermon** “What If?”

**Offertory** “Amazing Grace,” Virginia Harmony arr. James P.  
Carroll & David S. Clayton

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Postlude** “Heroes,” David Bowie

## Announcements

**September Beyond Our Walls: Lazarus House** At a time when we are celebrating homecoming, we remember people who have no home to which they can return. Three hundred of our neighbors are being served currently, and they need our help. Please volunteer to prepare meals or stay overnight at [uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless2](https://uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless2). Donate at [uusg.org/donate](https://uusg.org/donate). Include BOW in the memo line.

**Arts & Exploration (A&E) Volunteers Needed** For grades K-8, we are excited to offer A&E. A&E allows our kids, those who would otherwise be too young or too wiggly to make it all the way through a worship service, a place where they can play, interact, and be in community. During this time of heightened restrictions, A&E has been expanded to include all ages not yet eligible for a vaccine (12 and under) as well as their classmates (all middle school youth). Please sign up to help for just one hour. You'll be free to attend the other service. Please contact Becky Hruby at [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org) if you are interested in helping or simply learning more.

**Please join us for the debut of Social Justice Sundays.** Our first event is a Community Clean Up, **today at 10am**. These monthly events take the place of RE classes. Some will be youth oriented, and others will be offered to our entire congregation. To kick off this new initiative, we are inviting all UUSG members and friends to join us as we clean up areas near the Fox River Trail. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. We have some safety vests and garbage grabbers as well. Please plan to join us if you are willing and able.

**Photos for Veterans Service** At the Veterans Service on Sunday, November 7 we will once again be displaying pictures of UUSG veterans and the family members of anyone in the congregation who were veterans -- going back any number of generations. If you would like to have your pictures displayed, please send them with captions to Jeff Stibal (preferably electronically) at [jtstibal@gmail.com](mailto:jtstibal@gmail.com) by October 31. Alternatively, if your family members have been displayed in past Veterans Services and you no longer wish this, please let Jeff know. Contact Aaron Fogleman at [aaronfogleman@niu.edu](mailto:aaronfogleman@niu.edu) if you have questions.

**Styrofoam Recycling** October 3, is the next date for Styrofoam recycling pick up. Drop off packages at the church on the **Pioneer House porch** by 4pm. More details in the weekly email.

**One Book One UUSG** The WOW Team is happy to announce that the new book title for our next One Book One UUSG book discussion is “We Two Alone” by Jack Wang. Jennifer Klein will be our discussion leader on the evening of **Monday, October 4, at 7pm via Zoom**. Please RSVP to [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org).

**Please consider joining** our small Worship Team to help imagine the new church year! The Worship Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested, please connect with Rhonda Robinson or Rev. Scot.

**The Inclusion Bookclub** Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the next one is October 19. [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#). The author, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, presents a history of the United States from the perspective of Indigenous peoples, highlighting our nation's colonialist policy. Not the history you learned in school. Meeting ID: 869 8603 6292, Passcode: 1234.

**Sacred Texts Study Group** Whether a text is new to you or not, scripture can be challenging. This class will try to unravel things, at least a bit. No experience necessary! Feel free to drop in on a given session, as time and interest allows. At this point, we're reading through the Hebrew Bible; we are using the Massachusetts Bible Society's “Introducing the Old Testament” as a study guide (purchase is not required). For a Bible, note that almost all of the great translations are available online for free (for example, see BibleGateway.com). If you prefer to have a book to hold in your hand, Rev. Scot recommends “The Jewish Study Bible,” and/or “Harper Collins Study Bible,” or “The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha.” To this, Rev. Scot will be sharing other optional study materials in order to help make a right mess of things. Meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **October 18**, on Zoom, and we're reading Genesis 4-11.

**Assertion Training Group** led by UUSG Member Richard E. "DJ" Jensen, PhD, Retired Psychologist. This group has a start date and time of Tuesday, Sep. 28, 7-8:30pm at UUSG, and meets weekly on Tuesday evenings for 9 or 10 sessions until December 7. No meeting week of Thanksgiving. Please direct questions to DJ at [rejensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rejensen@sbcglobal.net).