

**Save the Date!** UU Church of Bloomington Normal is sponsoring a three-part series of Difficult Conversations: The art and science of working together. If you missed this workshop last year, now is your chance to attend! UUSG members and friends are invited to take part. Save the date for **January 27, February 1 & 3**, 6-8:30pm via Zoom. Registration and more information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

**Social Justice Calendar:**

**Oct. 28, 9-10am** Sign up to deliver 65 bottles of water, cookies, or snack bars to the Soup Kitchen  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-trinity>

**Nov. 5, any time** Sign up to deliver 20 sack lunches to Lazarus House

**Nov. 6, 6-7pm** Sign up to deliver a casserole and salad for 12 to Lazarus House  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus>

**Thanks to Geneva Residents who Made Their Voices**

**Heard** The proposal to build an Amazon warehouse on the east side of Geneva has been withdrawn, thanks in part to objections raised by members of UUSG. Concerns were expressed about pollution, about a lack of transparency, and about the fact that this proposal appeared to be part of a larger plan which negatively impacted low-income communities.

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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

**Sunday, October 24** **Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 10:00 am Board Chat
- 10:00 am Veterans Meeting
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)

**Monday, October 25**

- 3:00 pm Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, October 26**

- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 27**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Luncheonettes (online)
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 28**

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

**Friday, October 29**

**Saturday, October 30**

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle

**Sunday, October 31** **Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)

**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).

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**Welcome to This House!**



**October 24, 2021**

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**October Theme: Relationship**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull  
**Worship Associates:** Cindy Duckworth, Pat Vary, Sora MacPebbles  
**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Katie Baar, Diane Handler, Rachel Harbold, Jessica Littlefield, Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel, Katie Yurkewicz  
**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Rose Doreen Mace

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, October 31:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Speakers for the Dead"

**Sunday, November 7:** Annual Veterans Service

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Andante amoroso,” Mozart

## Ring the bell

## Call to Worship

**Introit** “Watchman's song,” Edvard Grieg

## 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

## REcap

## Passing the Peace

## Joys and Sorrows

**Hymn** # 123 “Spirit of Life”

## First Reading

**Hymn** # 1012 “When I Am Frightened”

## Second Reading

**Responsive** “To An Old White Pine,” Edward MacDowell

A giant of an ancient race  
He stands, a stubborn sentinel  
O'er swaying gentle forest trees  
That whisper at his feet.

**Sermon** Wanna See Something Really Scary?

## Offertory

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Postlude** “Little Bird,” Edvard Grieg

## Announcements

**BOW for October: Humanitarian Service Project** HSP's Senior Citizen Project helps to ensure that basic needs are met for low-income seniors. If UUSG can sponsor a Day of Service in spring, this month's BOW will be used to purchase hygiene products for gift bags given to seniors served by this program. If we cannot meet in person, the funds will be donated directly to HSP. Please give generously at <https://www.uusg.org/donate>

**A&E Volunteers Needed** Please give our unable-to-be-vaccinated youth in grades K-8 an hour of your time by assisting with Arts & Exploration (A&E). Please contact Becky Hruby at [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org) with any questions. You can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d2zc86r>.

**Teenagers and adults from UUSG** are being given an opportunity to correspond with a student enrolled in the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. Typically, letters are hand-delivered twice a year – in December and May. Please contact [socialjusticeleader@uusg.org](mailto:socialjusticeleader@uusg.org).

**Women's Circle - Rise Up and Call Her Name** Saturday, Nov. 13, 1-4pm in the Common Room. Guest Speakers Deann Alleman, Jean Pierce, and Pat Vary will share from our UUSG history of programs and experiences honoring women in global earth-based spiritualities with an emphasis on goddesses. They will share how these programs influenced WomenSpirit Rising at UUSG as well as district gatherings sponsored by Women and Religion for more than 15 years. Our speakers will show us some of the rituals and experiences that influenced their lives and spiritual growth. More details and sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**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! Meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **November 15**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

**Kids (Young & Old)** Come in Costume on October 31 and get a sweet Halloween treat!

**Women's Circle: Reiki - The First Level of Practice** Sat, Oct 30, 1-4pm at UUSG. Are you ready for Reiki? Have you wondered what Reiki is, how it works, and what it can do for you? Or, if you already have some knowledge of Reiki, and want to learn more, then join us when our Minister Emerita, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, is bringing us a special “Intro to Reiki - The First Level of Practice.” For more details and to sign up, visit [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**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 **November 16**. *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. Zoom info available in the calendar.

**The 2020-2021 Annual Report** is now available at [uusg.org/annual-report](https://uusg.org/annual-report). The report includes information about previous year's activities from our Ministry Teams, Board Committees, and staff; an End-of-Year 20-21 Financial Summary, the 2021 Annual Meeting Presentation Slides, and more!

**Change-for-a-Change Jar** Three nominees were presented to Religious Education children on October 3, and they voted for Cal's Angels, a local charity serving pediatric cancer patients. Cal's Angels has a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. Money collected in the Change for a Change jar at the front of the sanctuary in the coming year will provide hospital parties and comfort kits for patients served by Cal's Angels.

**The Hospitality Team** could use a few members each week to help brew and setup our Coffee Hour. It's real simple and everyone loves coffee! (water is also provided) Set-up would begin at 9:30am for our 10am coffee hour and then at 11am clean up. Please Sign up at [uusg.org/hosting](https://uusg.org/hosting).

**The Steeple Walk is back in 2021!** December 5, 2-4:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available November 7-14 through Gail Tattersfield or Chris Newman. Featured this year are a wind quartet, a steel pan ensemble, a soloist featuring Spanish guitar, and a string quartet.