



May 10, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva
Happy Mother's Day!**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians & Soloists: Lynn Fisher McCanne

Technical Director: Jeff Stibal

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, May 17: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Sunday, May 24: Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Prelude *Longing*, H. Kjerulf

Welcome & Community Announcements

Song of Community # 61 “Lo, the Earth Awakes Again”

Lo, the earth awakes again — Alleluia!
From the winter’s bond and pain.
Alleluia! Bring we leaf and flower and spray — Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true,
Alleluia! All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o’er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

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.

Flower Communion I

Sacred Story "The Flower Ceremony: A Plain and Simple
Beauty," adapted from Janeen K. Grohsmeyer

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,

(Chorus)

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,

(cont.)

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

For the joy of human care,
Sister, brother, parent, child,
For the kinship we all share,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

Reading For All Who Mother by Rev. Victoria Weinstein

Pastoral Prayer

Meditation

Shared Quiet

Musical Response *Remembrance, Op. 68, No. 28*, R Schumann

Flower Communion II

Hymn # 63 "Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers"

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers,
day is fast reviving,
Life in all her growing powers
towards the light is striving:
Gone the iron touch of cold,
winter time and frost time,
Seedlings, working through the mold,
now make up for lost time.

Herb and plant that, winter long,
slumbered at their leisure,
Now bestirring, green and strong,
find in growth their pleasure;
All the world with beauty fills,
gold the green enhancing,

(cont.)

Flowers make glee among the hills,
set the meadows dancing.

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*, Joyce Poley,
arr. Lorne Keller, Lynn Fisher McCanne

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Announcements

Notice of Annual Meeting: May 17, 2020, 11:30am - 1:00pm

To be held via Zoom

The Board of Directors gives notice that UUSG's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2020. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect next year's Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee members. In accordance with UUSG's bylaws, a quorum of 25% (63) of the Voting Members of the Society is required. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

View the Proposed Slate of Candidates

<http://www.uusg.org/2020-2021-slate>

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUsd-2hqjsiH9wvjCVDzSGGImebMsrBxX3K>

May Beyond Our Walls Given the long lines of people at food bank distribution centers around the country, it is evident that COVID-19 has left many, many people in need of food. Therefore, our support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank is even more crucial right now. Whereas BOW funds are intended mainly to support the elderly, immigrants, and the homeless, by donating to the NIFB we can help support all of these. All BOW donations for May will be directed to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to help those suffering most from this pandemic. Your contributions are very much appreciated. If you have any questions for this volunteer effort, please contact one of the following Social Justice Team members. Larry Escalona, escalaz39@gmail.com, Jean Pierce, jeanpierce@aol.com.

The Communications Team is looking to recruit, and you're hired (non-monetarily)! We are a recently resurrected volunteer team focused on communications, marketing, and welcoming people beyond our walls (BOW) to check UUSG out. Youth and members of underrepresented populations are especially encouraged to join. We welcome ALL members of all skill, commitment, and curiosity levels. Please contact the Communications Team Leader, Caroline Amelse, at communications@uusg.org for more information.

UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group is now meeting by Zoom! We will begin a new book on Wednesday, May 6. Please join us for "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama XIV and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7-8pm. Please e-mail Lisa Gades at uubuddhism@uusg.org for more information.

Bible Study for UUs For UUs who simply want to learn more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, "Bible Study for UUs" will meet virtually on May 18, at 7pm. We'll begin our discussion of "Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife" by Bart Ehrman. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Thank you for Showing Your Love by Making Your Pledge!

Building and sustaining our community requires an ongoing, generous commitment from each other, to each other. Your pledge provides essential financial support for the people, place and programs that make UUSG our beloved spiritual home. But your generosity also has an impact beyond our walls, supporting UUSG's longstanding commitment to advancing compassionate social justice. It takes a strong, financially stable church to supply the energy and resources to make a difference in the wider world. Haven't pledged yet? We need to hear from you asap! <http://www.uusg.org/pledge-form>

Virtual Religious Education Virtual RE is an opportunity for our youth to see each others' faces, hear each others' voices and connect. It's an opportunity to share smiles, laughter and excitement as well as concerns or fears. There are so many things our voices and body language convey that written words alone cannot. As we get more experience in our virtual classes, the time is becoming more meaningful. Please facilitate your child in attending class. Times are as follows:

K-2 Sundays 9:00-9:30am

3-5 Saturdays 4-5pm

6-8 Saturdays 5-6pm

YRUU Sundays 12-1pm

Class meeting links and reminders are sent out weekly to each parent group. Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at DRE@uusg.org with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Corona Virus Mask Making Opportunity The Social Justice Team is joining efforts with the "We Can Lead Change" group that is assembling and distributing no-sew masks. They have a well-organized process and are currently delivering thousands of masks but need more "Assembly Workers" to build the volume. These masks are being delivered to many shelters, nursing homes, and first responders. If you would like to get into the fun, please see [this video](#) on how to assemble masks. You can keep up to 5 masks for the use of you and your family. They are surprisingly comfortable, and can be washed up to three times in a mesh bag...air dry. Assembly volunteers pick up a mask kit of materials for 25 and then return the finished set at Christine's Schirtzinger's porch at 3448 Dover Hill Ct, St Charles, anytime between 9am and 9pm. UUSG Members Bill Koehl and Bill Scown would like to keep track of our volunteer effort. To get started please give Bill Scown a call at 630-360-0905 or email wncown@comcast.net.

Simply Sharing Thursday May 21, at 11am via Zoom

With the help of Rev. Jennifer as our host, our group will be convening May 21. At this meeting let's share something we have learned in this time of Virus. Do you have plans going forward? Are there new practices you intend to incorporate into your life? Please join us on Zoom, email Gail Tattersfield at simplysharing@uusg.org so that you receive the Zoom link.

Northern Illinois Food Bank The next UUSG Food Bank Team volunteer shift is Saturday, May 16, from 9am until noon. At this time it is crucial that people volunteer if they are healthy and able. Extra social distancing work practices have been put in place. Please sign up if you can at uusg.org/food-bank-signup.