



May 17, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musician: Geoff Pynn

Technical Director: Jeff Stibal

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, May 24: Rev. Patrick Price

Sunday, May 31: Moving Up Sunday

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Community Announcements

Song of Community # 347 Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our separate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Refrain:

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more. *Refrain*

Gather the spirit growing in all,
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one. *Refrain*

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.

Teacher Appreciation Becky Hruby, Director of Religious
Education for Children and Youth

Offering

Hymn # 34 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Reading Robert Carnes from *Salted with Fire*

Pastoral Prayer

Meditation

Shared Quiet

Musical Response

Message Location, Location, Location

Hymn #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in Endless Song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth it liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!

To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging,

when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

The Board of Directors has extended our current stay-at-home practice including a continuation of virtual services, group meetings and other functions until at least Friday, July 31st. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at uug.org as relevant.

Annual Meeting: Today at 11:30am

View the Proposed Slate of Candidates

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

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

In March and April we raised \$2,155.00 for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Thank you for your generous giving! The Food Bank will continue as our BOW recipient for May 2020.

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.

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.

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.

Yet Another Fraud Attempt: Texting

Some members recently received a text message from "Pastor Jennifer". Do not reply. The message did not come from Rev. Jennifer. The phone number was not hers, either.

These texts are another example of phishing, where a company tries to "hook" responses by imitating a known person or group. Responses to these messages will be followed by requests for money, often under the guise of asking for help. No requests for money will come from the ministers in this way. Again, do not reply. Unfortunately, there are many scams running at this time while we are staying at home. If you receive messages that may appear to come from the ministers or the church, please contact Revs. Jennifer or Patrick and the office.

Chicago Area UU Council - Spring Video Conference

Building Lifelong UUs: Creating Communities to Support Life Transitions and Maintain Connections. Sat May 23, 9:30-Noon.

Conference Presenters:

Rev. Stevie Carmody (left) is the Emerging Adult Ministry Associate from the UUA's Lifespan Faith Engagement Office. He works to support young adult leaders.

Tom MacTavish is co-creator (with Gloria Kinney) of a group at Countryside UU called "Transitions," which provides a forum for mature adults to explore life transitions, such as that from professional work to retirement.

Conference attendees will also hear from young adult and senior adult panelists, following the presentations, to help shed light on changing needs for both social and spiritual community with other UUs as life transitions take place. We're hoping to learn what congregations are already doing and what they could be doing to support communities of young adults and elder adults to foster lifelong participation in Unitarian Universalism. The Chicago Area UU Council Annual Meeting will follow the conference.

To register and learn more about the conference: uuchicagoarea.org/workshop