



August 23, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Tom Lichtenheld

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson

Musicians: Samantha Gesiakowski, Harper Littlefield, Tracey McFadden, Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, August 30: The Social Justice Team & The Not Ready For Prime Time Puppets, "UU The Vote!"

Sunday, September 6: Geoff Pynn

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Prelude *I Don't Wanna Grow Up*, Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan; adapted by Tracey McFadden and Tom Lichtenheld

Welcome & Community Announcements

Song of Community # 346 "Come, Sing a Song With Me"

Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

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.

Offering

For All Ages *Collette's Lost Pet*, Isabelle Arsenault

Meditation & Quiet Excerpts from *The Quiet Book*,
Deborah Underwood, Renata Liwska

Musical Response *Open the Window, Children*, Elise Witt

Reading *Got God In a Boat* from *Got God a Dog*, Cynthia Rylant,
Marla Frazee

Hymn # 118 "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Message "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, UU Fish"

Tom Lichtenheld, joined by authors Beth Ferry & Chris Barton

Sending Our Light into the World

Postlude *Teach Your Children*, Graham Nash

***Special thanks to Jan Miller, Beth Ferry and Chris Barton.**

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

(All activities meet via Zoom. Contact your group leader for links.)

Sunday, August 23

- 9:00 am Summer RE: K-5
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:00 am Summer RE: 6-8
- 12:00 pm Summer RE: 9-12

Monday, August 24

- 10:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 11:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 6:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG

Tuesday, August 25

- 10:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 11:00 am Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:30 am Social Justice Virtual Retreat

Announcements

Guest Speakers: Beth Ferry is the author of many books for young readers, including *Stick and Stone*, and *Ten Rules of the Birthday Wish*. She lives with her family by the beach in New Jersey, where she finds inspiration in the salty air. She is a big fan of word play and enjoys adding it to her stories as often as possible. In addition to picture books, Beth has begun writing graphic novels for emerging readers. You can learn more at bethferry.com.

Chris Barton is the author of picture books including bestseller *Shark vs. Train*, Sibert Honor-winning *The Day-Glo Brothers*, Orbis Pictus honoree *Dazzle Ships*, and *Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*, included on 19 state reading lists. His newest books include *Fire Truck vs. Dragon*, *What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?: The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan*, and *All of a Sudden and Forever: Help and Healing After the Oklahoma City Bombing*. Chris and his wife, YA/middle-grade novelist Jennifer Ziegler, live in Austin, Texas, where Chris has advocated for greater diversity in children's literature by co-founding the Modern First Library program with BookPeople. For more information about him, please visit www.chrisbarton.info.

Books mentioned in the service

Colette's Lost Pet, by Isabelle Arsenault
The Quiet Book, by Deborah Underwood and Renata Liwska
God Got In a Boat, by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Marla Frazee
Clever Jack Takes the Cake, by Candace Fleming and G. Brian Karas
Ada Twist, Scientist, by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
Last Stop on Market Street, by Christian Robinson
The gift of Nothing, by Patrick McDonnell
Thank you, Omu, by Oge Mora.
Preaching to the Chickens, by Jabari Asim and E.B. Lewis
They All Saw A Cat, by Brendan Wenzel
In the Past, by David Elliott and Matthew Truman
Antiracist Baby, by Ibram Kendi and Ashley Lukaveshky
She Persisted, by Chelsea Clinton and Alexandra Boiger
It Feels Good To Be Yourself, by Theresa Thorn and Noah Grigni
All of a Sudden and Forever, by Chris Barton and Nicole Xu

Please support your local, independent bookshop: Harvey's Tales in Geneva, Townhouse Books in St. Charles and Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville. If you prefer to shop online, purchases from bookshop.org will support an independent bookshop of your choice.

Need a hymnal? As we continue our virtual services we are happy to let members and friends "check out" a hymnal from the church. Please email Christine at office@uusg.org to arrange a time to stop by UUSG. We are also offering hymnal delivery for local members who are unable to travel. Email Cynthia Spiegel at music@uusg.org for more information.

Aug. 30, UU The Vote! The Social Justice Team and The Not Ready For Prime Time Puppets will introduce us to this important UUA initiative to make our voices heard at the ballot box.

Meet with Rev. Scot at UUSG Rev. Scot has arrived and one of the first things on his agenda is to start meeting the members and friends that make up our wonderful UUSG community. He wants to hear your stories! Through the months of August and September, Rev. Scot welcomes groups of 5 or less to meet outside at UUSG to meet with him and have the opportunity to talk in person. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. We will have a small tent for shade and chairs will be provided. In the case of inclement weather, we will notify those that have signed up if a meeting needs to be rescheduled. [Please sign up here](#) and let Christine Imielski know if you have any questions at office@uusg.org. **Now includes evening hours!** Rev. Scot is looking forward to meeting you!

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 September 30. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at uusg.org as relevant.

Black Lives Matter Signs Available If you'd like to purchase a Black Lives Matter yard sign, please contact Christine Imielski. Signs are \$5 and all proceeds will go towards a Black Lives Matter initiative. Further donations gratefully accepted.

Ethical Eating In light of the warm reception of the August 2nd service led by Andrew de Coriolis of Farm Forward, we will be exploring the opportunity to form a small group to study ethical eating and its implications. If you wish to join us, please contact Christine or Bill Koehl at 222koehl@gmail.com. In response to several requests for more resources regarding the subject, please see the [information](#) Andrew deCoriolis provided for us to share with all of you.

August “Beyond Our Walls” The Northern Illinois Food Bank will continue as our Beyond Our Walls recipient for the month of August. In June they provided over 9M meals to our neighbors in need! This is an increase of about 50% from June 2019. To date, the NIFB has granted out over \$600k to their agency network to support their COVID-19 response, and will be providing additional funding in the upcoming six months. To learn more about the NIFB's COVID-19 response, [visit their website](#). To donate online visit [here](#), or mail a check made out to "UUSG" with "BOW" in the memo line to: UUSG, PO BOX 107, Geneva, IL 60134. The NIFB is continuously updating their safety information regarding operations. Please follow the supplied [link](#) if you have concerns.

UUSG is offering two new convenient ways to give your pledge and donations – a mobile phone app and text-2-give. We assessed several companies that provide these services and selected Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform. These giving methods are in addition to the existing options of mailing checks, transferring funds via online banking, and giving on UUSG’s website using PayPal. Check out our [Donate Page](#) for more information.

Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG’s COVID-19 Reopening Strategy As UUSG looks ahead to the coming year, we’re thrilled to begin our new journey with Rev. Scot Hull. At the same time, unexpected and weighty decisions demand our attention about how we will do church and when we’ll resume “normal,” face-to-face worship and ministry practices. [Visit our website to learn more about UUSG's plan for the future.](#)

Religious Education The Religious Education Steering Team has decided to dedicate the entire summer to our first principle: “Each person is important.” To that end, teachers are creating awareness of our words, attitudes and privilege; teaching about the importance of Black Lives Matter; and empowering our youth with knowledge to confidently counter prejudice. As we prepare for fall, please consider helping support our RE program. We are in need of: middle school teachers, middle school youth group leader (social events), mentors for our Coming of Age (COA) program. Please consider how and where you may be able to help support our program.

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Illinois Voter Information:

Voter Registration Illinois Voters may register online through October 18, at ova.elections.il.gov/. Voters may register in person after that date at polling places, but they must be prepared to vote immediately after registering.

Voting by Mail Kane County has already mailed applications for Voting By Mail. Whether or not you have received one, if you are registered to vote you can request a Vote by Mail ballot online at kanecountyclerk.org/Elections. Ballots will be sent out Thursday, September 24. Returning your ballot as soon as possible is recommended so that the county is not overwhelmed with counting paper ballots returned at the last minute. Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 3.

Voting in Person Polling places are required to take extra precautions to ensure the health and safety of voters and poll workers. Early voting begins September 24, at the County Clerk's office or at the Aurora Satellite office.

Early voting at other early voting locations begins October 19 and extends through November 2.

Student Judges November 3 is an election day so High School Juniors and Seniors who are at least 16 years old can be trained to serve as judges. See kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Student-Judges.aspx.