



August 30, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: The Social Justice Team & The Not Ready for Prime Time Puppets

Worship Leaders: Melissa Auer, Larry Escalona, Bill Koehl, Tracey McFadden, Jean Pierce, Bill Scown, Jeanne Scown, with assistance from Kathy McFadden

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Tracey McFadden, Irene Frederick, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, September 6: Worship Team

Sunday, September 13: Homecoming Sunday with Rev. Scot Hull!

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Words of Welcome

Prelude *Praeludium I, BWV 846*, Johan Sebastian Bach

Chalice Lighting

May the light we now kindle
Inspire us to use our power to vote
To heal and not to harm
To help and not to hinder
May we recognize the power that is ours.

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.

Antiphonal Reading: # 594 "Principals & Purposes for All of Us"

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

Voting Puppet Show

Music: *Vote 'Em Out*, Willie Nelson

What is the Fair Tax and Why is it Needed?

Hymn UU the Vote: youtube.com/watch?v=ft2reFzQtOI

Reading “Voting for the Fair Tax is a Moral Issue,” Rev. Alan Taylor

The Story of Chicken Little – How to Answer Objections to the Fair Tax

Hymn # 1024 “When the Spirit Says Do”

You got to do when the spirit says do!
You got to do when the spirit says do!
When the spirit says do, you got to do, oh Lord!
You got to do when the spirit says do! Spirit says do (6x)

Verse 2: March

Verse 3: Vote

Benediction

Postlude *This Land is Your Land*

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

- 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, September 1

- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhist Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, September 3

Friday, September 4

- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Announcements

Have You Registered Your Children? Attention parents of children in kindergarten through high school. If you have not already done so, please register your kids for our 2020-2021 religious education program. We are implementing a brand-new curriculum, specifically adapted for virtual use. Children in K-2 and 3-5 will have lessons that relate to monthly themes, such as healing, stillness and imagination. September's theme is renewal. Youth in middle school and high school will learn about a different religion each month, from Unitarian Universalism to Catholicism. Lessons will teach theology, religious pluralism and experiential learning. We hope your kids will join us! uusg.org/registration. Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at dre@uusg.org with any questions.

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.

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! In the first two weeks of September, Rev. Scot welcomes groups of 5 or less to meet outside at UUSG to meet with him and to talk in person. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. We will have a small tent for shade and chairs. 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 know if you have any questions at office@uusg.org. 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.

Social Justice News: Thank You for Feeding Our Neighbors this Summer!

The Social Justice Team thanks the following families who prepared lunches for Lazarus House this summer: the Sapets and the Liangs. We also appreciate that the following UUSG members provided dinners for Lazarus House: Trish Beckjord with the Women’s Circle, Melissa Auer, Kari Gesiakowski, Christy and Anna Hickey, Jean Pierce, Page Poris, Gail Tattersfield, and Sherry Wilson. Thank you also to Sherry Wilson for providing lunches for the Aurora “Bread Board” Soup Kitchen.

This week on the Social Justice Calendar: August 31, 6-7:30pm, Sierra Club: State and National Candidates “Meet and Greet” [Register here](#). 9 Fox Valley Candidates have been invited, including Cristina Castro, Bill Foster, Barbara Hernandez, Maura Hirschauer, Anna Moeller, Suzanne Ness, Martha Paschke, Karina Villa

Sign up as a Fair Tax Endorser: More than 16 UUSG members have already signed on as Fair Tax endorsers – meaning that their names can be used in ads telling friends and neighbors they support the Amendment. [Sign up here](#).

Sign up to write Get Out the Vote letters or postcards: Make a positive impact on the November election! Voters who receive handwritten mailings are significantly more likely to vote.

- 1) We’ll help you send letters targeting traditionally under-represented voters in Michigan or other states, and you’ll tell them why voting is important to you. (This is very effective!)
- 2)) If you’d like to send a message crafted by Indivisible, we’ll give you their postcards targeting voters in Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, or South Carolina and you’ll address and handwrite this message on them: “We do our best for our families no matter our color, age, or gender. But some politicians divide us to block access to affordable healthcare, good schools, and clean water. Let’s join together & vote in the Nov. 3 election!”
- 3) For details, contact Nancy Dawn Van Beest at nandawn@gmail.com. Tell her how many letters or postcards you pledge to write. She will arrange to get letters or postcards and postage to you.

UU The Vote The Social Justice Team has put together this [excellent resource](#) for our website. Find information on dates and locations to register, how to request your ballot online, voting by mail, the fair tax amendment, candidate forums, and more.

Beyond Our Walls Donations for the Northern Illinois Food Bank: Since March, our congregation has contributed more than \$4000 to the Food Bank. This is impressive. But the need is huge. In one month alone this summer, the Food Bank provided over 9.5 million meals. Please give generously. Our friends and neighbors are depending on us during this COVID crisis.

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.](#)