



September 6, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Jen Raffensperger

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

Musicians: Sandra Anderson

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, September 20: Rev. Scot Hull

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Prelude *The Village Church*, Norman Dello Joio

Welcome & Community Announcements

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

Pastoral Prayer & Meditation

Shared Silence

Musical Response *Andante D. 29*, Franz Schubert

Reading

Hymn # 1003 “Where Do We Come From?”

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

Where do we come from?

Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.

Where do we come from? Where are we going?

Message “The Uncertain Anthropocene and the Infinite Game”

Hymn # 131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,

hope inside us will lead the way

on the road from greed to giving.

Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,

if you cannot speak before thousands,

you can give from deep within you.

You can change the world with your love.

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hope inside us will lead the way

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Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude *Spanish Dance*, Dmitri Shostakovich arr. Denes Agay

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, September 6

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, September 7

- **Labor Day – Office Closed**
- 7:00 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

- 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
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 9

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 3:00 pm Meet Rev. Scot at UUSG
- 7:00 pm Re-Opening Task Force Meeting

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

- 10:00 am Homecoming Sunday!

Announcements

In the Pulpit Today: Jen Raffensperger (she/hers) is in her fourth of four years at Meadville Lombard Theological School, pursuing her Master of Divinity degree. She currently serves as the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick (Maryland).

Women's Circle Save the Date: September 26, 1-3pm via Zoom. All members and friends who identify as female are welcome to join us. Details and sign-up to follow. See you soon!

Final plea to parents of school aged children, 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 loving community, play and commitment. The theme for September is renewal. Youth in middle school and high school will learn about a different religion each month, including Christianity, Judaism and Quakerism. Lessons will teach theology, religious pluralism and experiential learning. Please register your children at uusg.org/registration so they may join us! Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at dre@uusg.org with any questions.

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 few 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.

This week on the Social Justice Calendar:

Sept. 9: 5-9, Candidate Forum sponsored by League of Women Voters Central Kane: youtube.com/user/BATV1017 - Click on livestream video
Kane County Recorder of Deeds, Kane County States Attorney, Kane County Board members

Sept. 10: 5-9, Candidate Forum sponsored by League of Women Voters Central Kane: youtube.com/user/BATV1017 - Click on livestream video
Kane Co Board Chai, Kane Co Auditor, Kane Co Circuit Clerk 16th Judicial district

Sign up Today 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 TODAY here: [Bit.ly/fairtaxendorse](https://bit.ly/fairtaxendorse)

Sign up Today to write Get Out the Vote letters Make a positive impact on the November election! Voters who receive handwritten mailings are significantly more likely to vote. 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!) Please go to votefwd.org and follow the directions. You will have a choice of states. When you've addressed and sealed all your envelopes, contact Nancy Dawn Van Beest at nandawn@gmail.com for directions to bring them to her house. She'll add postage and hold them for the big "send date" in October. It's important not to send them earlier.

Beyond Our Walls Donations in September 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.

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, music director, at music@uusg.org for more information.

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.](#)

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