



September 27, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, October 4: Rev. Scot Hull, "How the Laws of Physics Lie"

Sunday, October 11: Rev. Scot Hull, "Humanism"

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Maissy & Harper Littlefield, Elaina Hruby

Call to Worship

Prelude "The Fall of the Leaf," Martin Peerson

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 89 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Come, my way, my truth, my life:

such a way as gives us breath,

such a truth as ends all strife,

such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:

such a light as shows a feast,

such a feast as mends in length,

such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:

such a joy as none can move,

such a love as none can part,

such a heart as joys in love.

Chalice Lighting Mikey Clements

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.

Passing the Peace

For All Ages "Along Came Bear," Richard Morris & LeUyen Pham
presented by Kerry Sapet

Joys & Sorrows

Hymn # 123 "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Testimonial

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response "Bagatelle Op. 126 No. 5: Quasi allegretto"
Beethoven

Sermon "That All May be Saved"

Closing Hymn # 273 "Immortal, Invisible"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to great and to small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see,
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude “The Little Morning Wanderer,” Robert Schumann

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 12:00 pm RE Class 6-8
- 12:00 pm RE Class 9-12

Monday, September 28

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 29

- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine

Wednesday, September 30

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
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Announcements

The For All Ages book today is “Bear Came Along,” by Richard Morris and LeUyen Pham. It's a fun, action-packed adventure about interdependence and the importance of community. We thank the publisher, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, for their permission to share the book. Learn more about Bear Came Along and download activity pages [here](#).

When shopping for books, please patronize our local independent bookshops: Harvey's Tales, Townhouse Books, and Anderson's Bookshop. If you prefer to shop online, Bookshop.org allows your purchase to support the independent bookshop of your choice.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately. If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. Every year thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. In many cases, friends and families affected by a suicide loss (often called “suicide loss survivors”) are left in the dark. Too often the feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly. For more resources: nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month

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" is on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on October 19. We'll continue our discussion of "[Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene: The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend](#)" by Bart Ehrman. We'll be discussing Paul. We'll discuss Mary Magdalene in November. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org

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

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.](#)

Our 2019-2020 Annual Report is now available by [clicking here](#). The report includes:

- information about previous year's activities from our Ministry Teams, Board Committees, and staff
- an End-of-Year 2019-2020 Financial Summary
- the FY 2020-2021 Budget
- the 2020 Annual Meeting Presentation Slides
- the 2020 Special Congregational Meeting Presentation Slides
- Notable All-Church Emails from the 2019-2020 church year and more! If you would like to request a hard copy, please email Christine at [uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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.

Social Justice News

People Who Are Making a Difference in September The Social Justice Team offers sincere thanks to the following individuals who stayed overnight at Lazarus House during past year: Jeanne Neltner, Kate Johnson, Tara Hollmeier, Maureen McKeough, Shawn Thornton. Our overnight ministry is currently suspended due to the pandemic.

This week on the Social Justice Calendar

September 24 Early voting began at Kane County Clerk's Office (719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva) and Aurora Satellite Office (5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F)
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-4:30pm, Wed. 8:30am-8pm

Vote by Mail Drop Boxes:

- Kane County Clerk's Office (Inside) 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva)
- Aurora Satellite Office (Inside) 5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F
- City of Elgin (Inside) 150 Dexter Ct, Elgin, IL 60120

October 6: Last day to register to vote without voting at the same time (contact Jeanpierce@lwvil.org to register)

October 7: Grace Period Registration and Voting begins – only at Kane County Clerk's Office and Aurora Satellite Office (see addresses above)

October 19: Grace Period Registration and Voting at more locations

Tuesdays on the Bridge 4-5 pm on the Geneva Bridge on State Street, Geneva. Rally for candidates and issues. Wear a mask and be prepared to socially distance, please. Bring signs.

Letter Writing Party to "Get Out the Vote"! Join with friends at the Great Plains Zen Center on Saturday, October 3, 3-5pm, for a letter-writing party on zoom. As we know, democracies make the best decisions when all voices are heard. Hand-written letters have been shown to increase turnout and counter voter suppression among traditionally underrepresented groups. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail Lisa Gades at maikoda@gmail.com to receive a Zoom link. Then go to votefwd.org to sign up, read the directions, and gather your supplies. Feel free to contact Lisa Gades for assistance.

View League of Women Voters Kane County Candidate Forums

[Click here to see Candidate Forum with these races:](#) Kane Co Board Districts 10,12,14,18. Kane Co State's Attorney, Recorder of Deeds

[Click here to see Candidate Forum with these races:](#) Auditor, Circuit Clerk 16th Judicial, Kane Co Board Chair

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.

Join us in writing "Get Out the Vote" letters We're off to a great start, and we'd love to have you join in! Voters who receive handwritten mailings are significantly more likely to vote, which helps counter voter suppression. 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!) To join this effort, you can either go right to votefwd.org and follow the directions, or contact Nancy Dawn Van Beest for assistance. When you've addressed and sealed all your envelopes, let Nancy Dawn know so she can add the postage and hold them for the big "send date" in October. (It's important not to send them earlier.) NOTE: If you can't access the website, or need help with supplies (letters, envelopes, pens) you can get them from Nancy Dawn Van Beest at nandawn@gmail.com.

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.

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We are so pleased to announce that we have established (and erected!) an outside gathering place for UUSG congregants!

On our 3rd Street property, our Swedish Days/Pizza booth tent is the new home to our outdoor, COVID-safe space. With just a quick sign-up and a promise to follow the rules, you and nine others can gather. Please utilize the [sign-up here](#), pick a date to gather and have fun! This may be the perfect cure to that “lack of seeing” feeling that many of us have been experiencing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Re-Opening Task Force.

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Guidelines for Small Group Gatherings on 3rd Street Property

1. All youth aged K-12 are welcome to use the tent with a parent or guardian present.
2. Use of the tent is limited to parties of 10 or less.
3. Do not come if you feel sick (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
4. Masks must be worn at all times and must cover your nose and mouth.
5. Maintain social distance (min. 6 feet)
6. Do not consume food and drinks under the tent (as these will require you to remove your mask.)
7. Bring your own chair.
8. Regarding trash, if you bring it in, take it out.
9. Please note that the church building remains closed to everyone except UUSG staff. (Bathroom facilities will be unavailable.)
10. Have fun!

[Sign Up Here](#)