



November 1, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

### **Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Colleen Cushing

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, piano; Kristin McFadden, guitar and vocals; Tracey McFadden, bass; Amanda Thomas, soprano; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader and choir director; UUSG Choir: Kate Rodgers, Rachel Harbold, Roger Gallentine, Mark Adams, Linda O'Neill, Rhonda Robinson, Tom Zimmerman, Katie Baar, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Mary Davis, Jessica Littlefield, Andy Montgomery, Pat Vary

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, November 8:** Annual Veterans Service

**Sunday, November 15:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Carl Sagan Day"

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell** Elaina Hruby

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** "Keep Your Eyes On the Prize," arr Sandra Anderson

Keep your eyes on the prize. Know the sun will soon arise.

In the darkness lift your eyes. Hold on! Hold on!

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 119 "Once to Every Soul and Nation," led by Amanda Thomas, Director of Music at Second Unitarian Church of Chicago

1. Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide,  
in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side:  
then to stand with truth is noble, when we share its wretched crust,  
ere that cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just.

2. Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;  
though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong.  
Then it is the have one chooses, while the coward stands aside,  
till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

**Chalice Lighting** Leo Liang

## 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** "Vote for Me!" by Ben Clanton, presented by Lizzie,  
Mike & Mikey Clements

## **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.

**REcap** Jaime Andersen, Chung Liang

## **Offertory**

### **Gratitude for the Offering**

### **Reading**

**Musical Response** "I Need to Wake Up," Melissa Etheridge  
(performed by Kristin and Tracey McFadden)

**Sermon** "Our Ancestors Are Calling Us Forward"

**Closing Hymn** "Bend the Arc" (rally song by Wendi Buck, call and  
response)

Bend the arc and break the ceiling, human rights for human  
beings!  
Hold out your hand and help another, we were meant to help  
each other!  
Get out the vote, make heard your voices, in November we'll  
make choices!  
Bend the arc, bend the arc.

## **Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Our People Gonna Rise," Emma's Revolution, performed by UUSG choir, solo by Mary Davis

Our people gonna rise  
Our people gonna rise  
Listen to our cries, through the pain and lies  
Our people gonna rise  
Our people gonna sing  
Our people gonna sing  
In spite of everything, hear our freedom ring  
Our people gonna sing  
Our people gonna fight  
Our people gonna fight  
For what we know is right, we'll march into the night  
Our people gonna fight  
Our people gonna grieve  
Our people gonna grieve  
Whatever you believe, we have the right to breathe  
Our people gonna grieve  
Our people gonna pray  
Our people gonna pray  
Try to take our rights away, see you on election day  
Our people gonna pray  
Our people gonna rise  
Our people gonna rise  
Listen to our cries, through the pain and lies  
Our people gonna rise

## **Community Announcements**

**Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

# Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar)

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

## Sunday, November 1

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:15 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:15 am RE Class 9-12
- 1:00 pm New UU? Q&A with the New Guy

## Monday, November 2

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

## Tuesday, November 3 Election Day!!

- 9:00 am Spiritual Grounding for Election Day
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine

## Wednesday, November 4

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:15 pm UUSG Post-Election Vigil

## Thursday, November 5

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 7:00 pm UUA Post-Election Vigil & Community Gathering

## Friday, November 6

## Saturday, November 7

## Sunday, November 8

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:15 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:15 am RE Class 9-12
- 1:00 pm Parents Circle

# Announcements

**The For All Ages book today** is “Vote for Me!” written and illustrated by Ben Clanton, published by Kids Can Press. “Vote for Me!” is a satire of American politics, telling an ever-timely message. Told in (two) primary colors, it’s a story readers of all nationalities and ages will recognize. The dueling duo’s insult-laden exchanges promise to deliver a bit of much needed levity. Thanks to Kids Can Press for their permission to share the book today. 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](http://Bookshop.org) allows your purchase to support the independent bookshop of your choice.

**This November our BOW offering will go to TLS Veterans** which operates a transitional living program for 20 homeless veterans in our area. Since 2001 this program, along with their drop-in resource center, has helped many veterans find employment and reconnect with their communities and rejoin their families.

-----

## Election Week with UUSG

**UUSG will be hosting a post-election vigil on Nov 4:** 7:15-8:15pm. Join your UUSG Family for a community vigil and conversation. Details and Zoom link will be provided, watch for an email.

**Rev Scot will be hosting an additional BYOL on Thursday Nov 5** at noon Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>) Meeting ID: 583 290 3665 Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 (Chicago).

**Spiritual Grounding for Election Day:** Tuesday, November 3, 9am-9pm CST UU Ministers are gathering from around the country to offer a space for respite, positive energy, peace and spiritual practice on Election Day. [More information available here.](#)

**Post-Election Vigil & Community Gathering** Thursday, November 5, 7-8:15pm CST. Save the date. No matter the results of the election this year, we know we will want to gather in community. Please save the date and join the UUA, UU the Vote, Side with Love, and UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray for this event. Hosted on Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. [Details and Links Available Here.](#)

**BYOL (Lunch) with Rev. Scot: Tuesdays at Noon** Rev. Scot will be hosting an open meeting on Zoom each Tuesday at noon. No agenda. No requirements. Come if you can, when you can. Just bring yourself, your concerns, your questions, your stories, your jokes--and your lunch--and join him (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>. Meeting ID: 583 290 3665, Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 (Chicago).

**Chats with Rev. Scot! Sundays at 1pm** Rev Scot wants to try something new in order to connect with you! Join him (and anyone else who wants to attend) for discussions, the first three Sundays of the month, starting November 1 (today):

**First Sunday of the month: New UU? Q&A with the New Guy!**

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? New to UUSG? Want to know more? Join our new minister, Rev. Scot, for a monthly drop-in on the first Sunday of the month, at 1pm--after the service, coffee break-outs, and the talk-back. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat!

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446292800>

**Second Sunday of the month: Parents Circle**

Got kids? These are impossible times, and impossible times calls for coffee and community. If you can take an hour, come chat with Rev. Scot and other UUSG parents about what's on your head & heart.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84033914938>

**Third Sunday of the month: Minister Coffee**

Open Forum! For those of you that think those talk-back sessions are just a tad too short, this is for you. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896751773>

**Sermons and For All Ages Stories Now On YouTube!** Would you like to watch past sermons and FAA presentations and share them with friends and family? Visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9oupYz5jh08iZ3u1m-J-kw>.

**UUSG Women's Circle** wants to thank Rosemary Marziarz, Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Jeanne Neltnor, and Pam Verner for their contributions and readings during our October Celebration of Samhain, the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Our next session will be held on Saturday, November 21, 1-3pm via Zoom. Watch for further details.

**For All Ages Opportunity** Are you interested in an opportunity to read a "For All Ages" story during a Zoom Sunday service? Please let the newly formed "For All Ages Team" of Rhonda Robinson, Tom Lichtenheld and Becky Hruby know! Whether you want to read alone or with a loved one, there will be stories to tell. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list of potential readers. There will be many opportunities throughout the year. Also note whether you prefer a solo gig or have other voices in your home that would like to join you. Please contact Becky Hruby at [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org).

**UUSG's Thanksgiving Day Social Hour!** Many folks will be celebrating Thanksgiving at home and on a much smaller scale than previous years due to the danger of travel from the coronavirus and flu season. Join your UUSG friends via Zoom, 5-6:30pm. Bring your dinner, or dessert, or holiday beverage of choice, and visit with others who would enjoy the company. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85026450629>

**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](http://uusg.org) as relevant.

**Help Getting to the Polls** With the election just days away, we want to make sure everyone is able to **VOTE**. If you need assistance getting to the polls, please let our WOW team know. You can contact our WOW Team Leaders, Glenda Peck and Carol Myers at [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org), or the office at 630-2322350, [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**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 November 16. 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 Mary Magdalene. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).



**How do we combat the injustices in our country?** Stand up for others? Use our voices to speak for those unable to do so? In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." To that end, Religious Education has collected [several antiracism books for the UUSG library](#). From child and teen to adult audiences, the UUSG library has a nice selection of new titles to share. Books are available in a bin on the front porch of the Pioneer House. Please sign out the books you borrow on the log on the clipboard (inside the box). Try to return the books within a month to give others the chance to read as well. May you find inspiration and hope throughout the pages.

**After Andrew DeCoriolis' Ethical Eating program** last August, many expressed the desire to start sharing vegetarian recipes. Deb Brod has stepped up and is willing to coordinate this activity. Please send recipes, favorite websites, stories or information requests to Deb at: [dcbrod44@icloud.com](mailto:dcbrod44@icloud.com). Additional references: <https://www.facebook.com/UUVeg>. Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry: <https://uuam.org/wp/>.

### **Social Justice News**

**Thank you to Jamie Carroll** for purchasing food for the Soup Kitchen this month.

**Tuesdays on the Bridge** 4-5 pm on the Geneva Bridge on State Street, Geneva

**Thursdays on the Bridge** 4-5 pm on the St. Charles Bridge – Main Street, St. Charles. Rally for candidates and issues. Wear a mask and be prepared to socially distance, please. Bring signs.

#### **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

**Learn about Candidates Here:** [illinoisvoterguide.org/](http://illinoisvoterguide.org/) Enter your address, then click on Research Ballot.

#### **Candidate Forums:**

[See one Kane County Forum here:](#) Kane County Bd. members, State's Attorney, Recorder

[See another Kane County Forum here:](#) Auditor, Circuit Clerk, 16th Judicial, Kane Co. Bd. Chair

[See the Illinois General Assembly Candidate Forum here:](#) State Legislators for House 49, 50, 65 and Senate 25

[See the Congressional District 6 Forum here](#)

[See the Congressional District 14 Forum here](#)

**Election Protection:** From the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights: Report any suspected attempt to disenfranchise here: 866-OUR VOTE

**November 7,** Dinners for Lazarus House: Volunteer to prepare a casserole and salad for 12. [Sign up here.](#)

### **Contact Information**

Rev. Scot Hull, Minister

minister@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 103

Christine Imielski, Congregational Administrator

office@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 100

Lisa Rittenberry, Administrative Assistant

admin.assistant@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 101

Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education

DRE@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 104

Molly MacKay Zacker, Board President

boardpresident@uusg.org

Cynthia Spiegel, Music Director

music@uusg.org

Jeff Stibal, Technical Director

techdirector@uusg.org