



January 10, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

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

**Worship Associate:** Pat Vary

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Alex Cordogan

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, January 17:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Reflections on Martin Luther King Day"

**Sunday, January 24:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Molly Brewer

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell** Will Sapet

## Welcoming Words

**Prelude** "Echoes," from "The Theater," Robert Schumann

**Chalice Lighting** Will Sapet

## 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** "Not a Box," presented by Sarah & Helenna Clark,  
Elaina & Becky Hruby

## 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** Jean Pierce

**Offertory**

**Gratitude for the Offering**

**Reading**

**Musical Response** “In Deep Woods,” Edward MacDowell

Above, long slender shafts of opal flame, Below, the dim cathedral aisles; The silent mystery of immortal things Broods o'er the woods at eve.

**Sermon** “Roll for Initiative”

**Closing Hymn** # 351 “A Long, Long Way the Sea-Winds Blow”

A long, long way the sea-winds blow across the sea-plains blue,  
but longer far my heart must go before its dreams come true.

And work we must, and love we must, and do the best we may,  
and take the hope of dreams in trust to keep us day by day.

A long, long way the sea-winds blow — but somewhere lies a  
shore —

thus down the tide of time shall flow my dreams forever more.

**Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** “Prelude in G# minor,” Alex Cordogan

**Community Announcements**

**Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

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# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

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

## Sunday, January 10

- 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
- 2:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group

## Monday, January 11

- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

## Tuesday, January 12

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

## Wednesday, January 13

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm One Book One UUSG Book Club

## Thursday, January 14

- 7:00 pm Wine Down Thursday

## Friday, January 15

## Saturday, January 16

## Sunday, January 17

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
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- 1:00 pm Minister Coffee

# Announcements

**The For All Ages book today is "Not a Box,"** written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis, published by HarperCollins Children's Books. "Not a Box" shows us that an ordinary object can become anything the imagination allows. It reminds us to relish in the joys of creativity and let our grown-up minds run free. Thanks to HarperCollins Children's Books 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.

**Board Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2020** Open to all UUSG Members and Friends. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641657846>. Meeting ID: 856 4165 7846

**Happy 2021 to all! UUSG's Women's Circle Planning Team** is now planning our spring sessions. We look forward to your joining us each month to share our discussions. **Saturdays, 1-3 pm:**

February 27 - Dreams as a Spiritual Experience. Come, consider the experiences and inspirations of your dreams...

March 27 - We Are the Dreams of our Ancestors. Recall and then share the lives of female ancestors, and their impact or importance.

April 24 - UUSG Women, Their History and Spirituality (from Mary Conant to Lindsay Bates).

May 22 - Possible meeting in person to reconnect. TBD based upon Covid-19 safe conditions.

**The Green Sanctuary Team** is planning to start regular meetings again in February. If you are interested in participating, please let us know. [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org).

**Calling All Heroes!** In keeping with January's theme on Imagination, we're excited to announce the creation of a Dungeons & Dragons group for teens and teens at heart. No prior experience necessary. The group will meet virtually. If you're up for a quest and a little fun, join our intrepid band of adventurers! Priority will be given to middle and high-school youth, but the game is open to all. Cameo appearances are welcome, too! **When:** Biweekly on Sundays, beginning Jan. 10, **Time:** 2-5pm. For more information, please contact Brian Doyle at [brian@gael-image.com](mailto:brian@gael-image.com).

**New Year, New Book!** UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group is starting a new book for the new year, and wow--is it on topic! Join us to discuss "Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy," by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. The authors bring expertise in the areas of Buddhism, deep ecology, and the psychology of resilience. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7pm, on Zoom. Contact [uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org) for more information. [Here is the Goodreads link.](#)

**Wine Down Thursday** You are invited every second and fourth Thursday at 7pm to Happy Hour. Our first happy hour will be on January 14. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241796675>  
Meeting ID: 842 4179 6675

**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).

**Bible Study for UUs** 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 January 18. We'll be discussing the book "[Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal.](#)"

**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 **January 31**.

**Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy.** The Board of Directors has re-visited the June 2020 Board Statement and our plans for moving forward. Please visit our website to read the letter and learn more about UUSG's plan for the future, or read it here: [Updated "Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy."](#)

**Sermons Now on YouTube!** Would you like to watch past sermons and share them with friends and family? [Visit our YouTube and don't forget to subscribe!](#)

## **Conversations with Rev. Scot, Sundays at 1pm**

Rev Scot wants to connect with you! Join him in January for the following discussions:

### **January 10: 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.

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

### **January 17: 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>

## **Social Justice News**

**Thanks!** The Social Justice team appreciates that Sue Gately prepared 3 dozen deviled eggs for Lazarus House this month and that she has volunteered to continue doing so. Thank you, Sue!

### **Beyond Our Walls for January: Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in Kenya**

When practically all of the schools in Kenya were closed for the pandemic, JAMS was unique – the teachers provided remote learning. They lived at the school and contacted the students twice a week through What's App. The school hand-delivered phones to girls living in the most remote areas of Kenya. As one of the students said recently, the teachers “would contact them and know whether they were alive or dead.” Wendy Ochido, the student being sponsored by UUSG, wrote to tell us that she was balancing her classwork and house chores. She has also joined a group doing charity work like “helping the elder people in the village.” She noted that “learning at home has been quite difficult” since the schools had only been in session for about a month before COVID closed them. She cannot wait to return to JAMS. Your donation will go towards her 4-year scholarship and to educational software designed for Kenya.