



March 7, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

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

**Worship Associate:** Rhonda Robinson

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, Linda O'Neill, Sam Gesiakowski,  
Cynthia Spiegel

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, March 14:** "Loved Into Being," Rev. Scot Hull, with Rev.  
Chris Long and Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons

**Sunday, March 21:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Dr. Nicole Kirk

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

**Ringing the Bell & Call to Worship** Christine Imielski

**Prelude** Song of Youth (Undomssang), Agathe Backer Grondahl

**Welcoming Words**

**Chalice Lighting** Sam Gesiakowski & Elaina Hruby

**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.

**Stewardship Drive 2021** Tom Haslett

**Passing the Peace**

**Honoring Women**

**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.

## **Reading / Meditation**

**Musical Response** "Warrior," Kim Baryluk & the Wyrld Sisters

**Sermon** "Women's History Month"

**Testimonial** "Nine Reasons to Pledge at UUSG"

**Offertory** "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

## **Gratitude for the Offering**

**Closing Hymn # 1007** "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.

There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart...

There's a river flowin' in my mind...

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Prelude from Jazz Suite," Glenda Austin

## **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, March 7

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 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, March 8

- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

## Tuesday, March 9

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

## Wednesday, March 10

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Thursday, March 11

- 7:00 pm Wine Down Thursday

## Friday, March 12

## Saturday, March 13

## Sunday, March 14

- 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

# Announcements

**Can't find something? Need a little more information?** Check out our website at [uusg.org](http://uusg.org) and our calendar at [uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar).

## **Greetings and Salutations from the Stewardship Team!**

We hope you are enjoying the wonderful testimonials and informative presentations during Sunday services in support of the campaign, *Celebrating the Joys of UUSG*. Our 23-member Pledge Drive Committee has met, planned and chosen/assigned the UUSG members and friends who will be our *very best friends* during the current "budget drive." We don't usually refer to it as a budget drive, but in a real sense it is exactly that. Based on the pledges we receive through March 28, our Finance Committee will shape the budget that will be presented to the board. As you know, our wide-ranging programs, terrific staff, beautiful facilities, community outreach - everything we do - is impacted by the generous and thoughtful pledges we receive. We feel it is an honor as well as a responsibility to do our very best during this important time to talk with each other, check in, connect and reconnect, have conversations about UUSG in our lives, raise and answer questions - all the elements that make for a successful Pledge Drive. If you haven't already received your JOYFUL brochure and pledge form please contact the office. You can also find all the materials on our website at: <http://www.uusg.org/pledge-drive>. We know that giving to UUSG is both a heartfelt gesture and a meaningful way to impact not only ourselves but also the wider world. If you have already submitted your pledge, we are sincerely grateful! If you are still making your decision, we encourage you to do your generous, impactful best! *Joyful thanks from the entire team.*

**Board Meeting Tuesday, March 9** Open to all UUSG Members and Friends. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641657846>. Meeting ID: 856 4165 7846.

**Week of Service** UUSG's Week of Service will be **Saturday, March 20 to Saturday, March 27**. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering in our community. The Week of Service will feature a mix of distanced, in-person activities, Zoom events, and opportunities to drop off supplies for our neighbors in need. For more information and to sign up visit [uusg.org/week-of-service](http://uusg.org/week-of-service).

**Green Sanctuary Meeting 1pm Today:** Everyone is welcomed. Email for a link if you have not received one: [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org).

**Vaccine Angels Available to Help** If you need assistance in finding and scheduling a Covid vaccine appointment, WOW would like to help. We will pair you with a Vaccine Angel (a member or UUSG friend) who will help you navigate the process. Contact WOW at [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org) for assistance.

**Women's Circle Restore and Renew, a March Celebration.** Saturday, March 27, 1-3pm, via Zoom. We will be examining the history, spirituality and journey of UUSG women, from Betsy Conant (1842), to Lindsay Bates (2018)... And beyond....All members and friends (new or longtime) identifying as female (18+) are invited. Please join us. [Sign up here.](#)

**The UUSG "Beyond Our Walls" for March is actually a "Within Our Walls"**  
The UUSG "Make A Difference" (MAD) fund was established in 1996 to respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance. We have been able to help many members since then. Visit [uusg.org/donate](http://uusg.org/donate) to give. Thank you!

**Wine Down Thursday** You are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm, to Happy Hour. Next date is **March 11**. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241796675> Meeting ID: 842 4179 6675.

**Vaccinated? Let us know!** In the spirit of optimism and hope in our community we are keeping a running tally of how many of our members and friends have received the COVID-19 vaccine. **So far, we have 66 members vaccinated**, we are so looking forward to being together again! Please let us know at [admin.assistant@uusg.org](mailto:admin.assistant@uusg.org).

**Board Chat** In an effort to make ourselves more accessible to the congregation, the Board will host a "chat room" on the 4th Sunday of each month. After the service, "click" on our breakout room and let's chat it up! Want to ask a question? Bring something to our attention? We look forward to seeing you **March 28**.

**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).

**Join your friends at UUSG for some game play fun!** 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30pm. Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83203291200>.

Worried you won't know how? No problem...come and learn! Your belly will thank you for filling it with laughter. To play, simply join the Zoom meeting on your computer or laptop and bring an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet, which players will use separately to participate in the games. No advance preparation is necessary. **March 18** is our next playdate. We look forward to seeing you. Be there or be square!

**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 **March 31**. The Board of Directors has re-visited the June 2020 Board Statement and our plans for moving forward. Please read the letter and learn more about UUSG's plan for the future: [Updated "Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19 Reopening Strategy."](#)

**One Book One UUSG** WOW is excited to host our second virtual book discussion group that will meet on **Wednesday, March 24**. We will discuss the realistic fiction book "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. All are welcome.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 10**, and contact Glenda Peck ([peckglenda@gmail.com](mailto:peckglenda@gmail.com)) with questions. An email with the Zoom link for our book discussion will be coming by March 18. Please email Glenda if you sent a RSVP and have not received the email with the link.

**The Inclusion Bookclub\*** We're still working on the title, but in the meantime – and in the spirit of "salvation through bibliography" – we're starting another book club because you can never have too many books or too many book clubs. Join Rev. Scot, Lisa Gades, and others in a monthly exploration where we will cover some of the many facets of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This is a fantastic first step for those just starting the journey with the ideas, stories, and challenges of become a more just and more equitable society – and a great refresher for those who have been "doing the work" for years. No prerequisite required – just a willingness to read and to listen. We'll be announcing the first several books in a week or so, and we're planning to have our first discussion meeting in early April. If you're interested, want to know more, want to sign up, send a note to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

## Upcoming Adult Education

### **Difficult Conversations with Kern Beare**

Your boss. A rude neighbor. A challenging family member. A childhood friend. A parent, partner, child. Engaging, or staying engaged, with these important figures in our daily lives can be a challenge. And when the conversation gets tough, what then? Neuroscience tells us that difficult conversations are difficult because they activate our fight/flee/freeze survival drive. In this workshop, you'll learn about three research-based strategies that counteract this ancient survival instinct, helping us to stay present and creative in any conversation. This is a workshop for everyone, no-prerequisite required. We're bringing this to our community as part of our ongoing commitment to living better, together, and with more compassion and connection. All are welcome. This free workshop is split across 3 separate sessions: **May 1, 8, & 15, 1-3:30pm**. Details around sign up are coming soon, but feel free to send a note to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) to be put on the list.

### **See-Something/Say-Something: An Anti-Bias Workshop, April 10, 1-4pm**

A little science, a little history & a lot of self-reflection are the key to creating a truly inclusive and equitable society. In this workshop, we will talk about implicit bias, micro vs. macro aggressions, and what we might do or say in the moment when someone crosses the line. These skills will help UUSG become a more hospitable and welcoming place to newcomers. This workshop will be hands-on. There is no cost to UUSG members and friends. All are welcome, though some familiarity with the ideas involved are recommended. Class size will be limited, so be sure to reserve your seat by sending a note to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

### **The Shared Pulpit: A Sermon Seminar** "Everyone has a truth to share."

Have you ever wondered what goes into a sermon? What makes a sermon different from a talk? How to take your truth and shape it into something that is moving, comforting, inspiring, or challenging? In this workshop, we'll explore the theory and theology of preaching, practice writing and speaking with authenticity, and gradually build toward composing quality 20-minute sermons. Rev. Scot will be leading this workshop over Zoom, with times and dates depending on what will support the majority. Class size is limited. First session in early April. If you're interested, want to know more, or want to sign up, send a note to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).



## **Pathways to Membership**

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? New to UUSG? Interested in becoming a member? This class is for you! Date/Time: **March 21, 1-3pm**. To sign up, please send a request to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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

Rev. Scot wants to connect with you! Join him in March for the following discussions: (No March 21 meeting due to Pathways to Membership class).

### **Today: 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! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446292800>

### **March 14: 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>

## **Social Justice News**

**March 10** 7pm [Batavia City Council Candidate Forum Livestream here](#).

**March 16** 6pm St. Charles Candidate Forum (St. Charles Township, St. Charles Library District, Mayor, City Council/Aldermanic (all 5 wards) and St. Charles District 303 School Board) [will be livestreamed here](#).

**March 18** 7pm Geneva Mayoral Candidate forum – [will be available AFTER the event here](#).

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