



July 11, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**In the Pulpit:** Caroline Bright

**Worship Associate:** Rhonda Robinson

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, Kelly Herz, Tracey McFadden,  
Andy Montgomery, Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, July 18:** Rev. Jen Raffensperger, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself"

**Sunday, July 25:** Julie Taylor, "Hanging On, Letting Go"

*Come as you are.*

# **Order of Worship**

**Ringing the Bell** Will Sapet

## **Call to Worship**

**Prelude** "Prelude," R. Gliere

## **Welcoming Words**

**Opening Hymn** # 396 "I Know This Rose Will Open"

I know this rose will open.  
I know my fear will burn away.  
I know my soul will unfurl its wings.  
I know this rose will open.

**Chalice Lighting** Ivy & Tim Benshoof

## **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) Will Sapet

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**

**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.

**Offertory****Gratitude for the Offering****Reading**

**Musical Response** "Falling Down," Joe Walsh

**Sermon** "Chagrin and Bear It"

**Closing Hymn # 1015 "I Know I Can"**

Though days be dark with storms

And burdens weigh my heart;

Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn,

I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul

And burdens make me strong,

Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn,

I know I can go on.

So brothers take my hand,

And sisters sing my song,

When hope awaits at every turn,

I know we will go on.

**Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing****Benediction**

**Postlude** "Clumsy Cowboy," Elissa Milne

**Community Announcements****Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

## Sunday, July 11

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

## Monday, July 12

- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

## Tuesday, July 13

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

## Wednesday, July 14

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Julia Jones

## Thursday, July 15

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

## Friday, July 16

## Saturday, July 17

## Sunday, July 18

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Family Ministry Event – Wheeler Park

**Council will not meet during July and August** During these months, we ask that teams/committees still complete the Teams Report, since the Board will continue to meet and much of the information is important. Of course, if there is content/information that your Team would like to share with the Council, please email the Council at [council@uusg.org](mailto:council@uusg.org).

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

**The Sermonators and the Sacred Texts groups** will not meet in July but will meet in August.

# Announcements

**Caroline Bright** is a Master of Divinity student at Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Professional Bridesmaid, an amateur knitter, and (in non-COVID times) a Flight Attendant for a major US Airline. Caroline proudly represented her home state as Miss Vermont 2010 at the Miss America competition with a platform of "Rock the World - Run for Office," which focused on encouraging young women to run for public office. She was a candidate for the Vermont State House in 2016 and a candidate for the Vermont State Senate in 2012. Caroline attended St. Lawrence University and Saint Michael's college, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with minors in History and Religious Studies. After completing her M.Div she hopes to become a Unitarian Universalist Military Chaplain. Caroline and her husband, Joel, have a one-year-old daughter, two dogs, and four cats. They divide their time between Philadelphia and Vermont. **Cringley is just the beginning-** but what can the next chapter be? How can we shift our perspective on awkwardness and shame so that we can be bold? Let's spend some time getting friendly with a feeling that most of us loathe: embarrassment.

**UUSG is now open for in-person meetings. [Please use the Room Reservation Form here.](#)** Please abide by these guidelines; all of us want to be together, but the safety of our staff and congregants is our #1 concern. **Also, please remember that this is different than having in-person services, those are still online for now.**

- Mask wearing is mandatory.
- Building usage is restricted to the Common Room.
- No food or drink consumption is allowed.
- The restroom closest to the kitchen is designated as the "Visitor Restroom" and the ONLY bathroom that should be used by any non-staff members
- Cleaning supplies will be clearly visible in the Common Room. It is necessary to wipe down all "used" surfaces after use.

**New Buddhist Book** "Pay Attention, for Goodness' Sake" might be something you remember hearing as a child. It's also the title of the next book that UUSG's Buddhist Group will read and discuss, by the wonderful author Sylvia Boorstein. Join us on Zoom, first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm. E-mail Lisa Gades at [uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org) for more information.

## **The July BOW cause is the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants**

ICDI provides a number of essential services for immigrants and asylum-seekers, including:

- Offering housing, financial assistance, and case management to people who would otherwise have been detained in traumatizing conditions
- Providing support to immigrants being held in ICE detention in county jails
- Accompanying immigrants in court and serve as observers to hold the Immigration Court system accountable
- Visiting migrant children apprehended by the US Government for crossing the border who are awaiting reunification with a family member.

**Have you been vaccinated?** Although masks will be required for any in-person activities, we are still keeping a running tally of how many of our members and friends have received the COVID-19 vaccine. So far, we have **136 members** vaccinated. Please send vaccination updates to [admin.assistant@uusg.org](mailto:admin.assistant@uusg.org).

### **Religious Education News**

**Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs** Religious education (RE) volunteers needed! Please help UU youth by volunteering your time and talents in any of the following ways:

**Teachers** For the 2021-22 school year, we are shifting to a middle hour RE program, so no more missing the church service (we continue to offer two services, before and after RE). Every classroom has two teachers, typically teaching twice per month. Everything you need is provided, including on-the-job training. You can start as the assistant teacher until you get to know the ropes. Grade levels of need include K-2 and 3-5. Number needed: 4 for a bi-weekly commitment

**Arts & Exploration (A&E) Volunteers** For our kids in K-5 who are unable to sit through an hour of church, we will offer A&E. This program will provide parents with their usual time to themselves during the service while providing the youth with social engagement. Ideas include play outside, go on a scavenger hunt, make a craft, do a puzzle, play a game, and more. Number needed: 8 for a monthly commitment

**Substitute Teachers** On occasion, one of our regular teachers may not be available or not feel well the morning of church. In that case, we need a list of volunteers to call upon. Once a background check has been completed, your name can be part of this list. Number needed: 6

**Nursery Care Employees** Upon reopening, we will need two nursery workers to be present for the duration of Sunday mornings. This is a paid position and ideally one of these people will be a consistent face in our nursery each week. The minimum age is 18 years. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please pass this on. The pay is \$13/hour. [Job Description and further details can be found here.](#)

Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, at [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org) if you are interested in helping or simply learning more about any of these opportunities.

**Please join us for Summer 2021 Family Ministry Events.** We miss you and hope you can take advantage of one or more of these opportunities. Questions? Email Becky Hruby at [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org). **Sundays, 1-3pm, dates and locations:**

**July 18, Wheeler Park, Geneva:** Meet at the pavilion/playground area. Bring your frisbees for the free disc golf course if that's your thing. All youth will be treated by UUSG to a free round of mini golf. Bring money for the snack bar if desired. Enjoy the amenities: playground, trails, pavilion, shade & bathrooms.

**August 15, Pottawatomie Park, St. Charles:** Meet at the small playground across from the mini golf course, between the bathrooms and parking lot. While there, enjoy two shaded playgrounds, the Fox River Trail, pavilion, mini golf and snack bar. UUSG will pick up the tab on an ice cream at the snack bar.

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**The Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Needs YOU!** Anyone who is interested in helping plan and coordinate the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives at UUSG is invited to volunteer for the DEI committee by sending a message to [DEI@uusg.org](mailto:DEI@uusg.org). People who have contacted us before June 20 will help set the meeting times for the group.

**Summer BYO Lunches on Zoom!** Julia Jones, Meadville Lombard seminarian and spouse to Reverend Scot, will be hosting our summer lunch program. 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 her (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Wednesdays at noon! [Zoom Meeting ID: 885 8448 0784.](#)

**We're delighted to announce that Sister Suppers are back!** Modeled on the traditional UU Circle Suppers, Sister Suppers are social gatherings for members and friends of UUSG who identify as women. They provide wonderful opportunities for connecting and reconnecting with other women within our church family.

Sister Suppers are held in the fall. One person serves as the hostess, and each participant brings an item, generally an entrée, a vegetable, dessert, etc., but the menu is flexible. You can sign up as a participant or as an alternate who will be called if last-minute openings occur. You can participate in one each month, or only in months you choose. The hostess establishes the exact date of her Supper. You do not have to host to participate. There will be a few modifications to protect the health and safety of everyone:

- Three Suppers rather than four will be offered.
- Attendance will be limited to six.
- You must have had a COVID-19 vaccine to participate.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, July 23. No late additions can be made as the scheduling process is complex and time-consuming, [so sign up today!](#) If you do miss the deadline, contact Sherri Casterline ([scasterline@earthlink.net](mailto:scasterline@earthlink.net)) and she will add you as an alternate. If you need a ride, please check the box on the sign-up page, and we'll try to find one for you.

**Unsung Heroes** Many tasks and caring acts get accomplished by volunteers at our church unbeknownst to many of us. These people go above and beyond what is asked or expected of them. We would like to recognize these Unsung Heroes. If you would like to nominate one of these heroes, please submit their name to WOW leadership at [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org). Please include a brief description of the "behind the scenes" unselfish acts. If you have a photo of your hero, please attach it. These entries will be included in our weekly Mini Pioneers.

**Summer Care and Conversation with Julia Jones!** Have something you're wrestling with? Something sitting on your heart? Some question burbling in your soul? Or maybe you just want someone to bounce it all off? I mean, it has been a year, right? This summer, we are delighted to have this support from Julia Jones! And every hour that we make use of her compassionate ear will count towards the fulfillment of her educational requirements. At the very least, you'll have a nice conversation with a compassionate listener! For details, or if you would like to schedule time with Julia, please reach out to her at [jjones@meadville.edu](mailto:jjones@meadville.edu).

**One Book One UUSG** Your WOW Leadership has chosen a new title for our One Book One UUSG Book Club. Please join us **in the Common Room** at UUSG on Wednesday, July 28, for a discussion on “Born a Crime,” by Trevor Noah. This is non-fiction, an autobiography written by an amazing young comedian. If you are interested in attending, kindly RSVP to [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org). We prefer to have an accurate count of friends and members so that we can be better prepared. "Born a Crime" is the winner of the Thurber Prize. The compelling, inspiring, (often comic) coming-of-age story of Trevor Noah, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

**The Inclusion Bookclub** Join Rev. Scot, Lisa Gades, and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm, the next one is **July 20**. The next book will be “Redefining Realness: My Path To Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More,” by Janet Mock. Mock shares her experiences of growing up young, multiracial, poor, and trans. Her story encourages all of us to be more accepting and real. UUSG will have a limited number of copies of the book available. Please check with Christine to learn more or to sign up at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 871 6716 7460, Passcode: 428914. If you visit [uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar), and click on the event, the Zoom link will always be located there.

**Sacred Texts Study Group:** The Bible, and other sacred texts, can be challenging. We’ll be using the Massachusetts Bible Society’s What is the Bible? as our study guide (purchase is not required). For a Bible, Rev. Scot recommends the “Harper Collins Study Bible” or the “The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha.” We will meet on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm, the next meeting is **August 16**, on Zoom. Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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