



June 6, 2021

Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva

Pride Sunday

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Melissa Auer

Musicians: Samantha Gesiakowski, Karen Mooney, Angela Salvaggione, Cynthia Spiegel, UUSG Choir: Mark Adams, Katie Baar, Emily Clark, Kelly Herz, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, Diane Handler, Rachel Harbold, Tom Haslett, Clair Ryan, Pat Vary, Jane Willard, Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, June 13: Rev. Scot Hull, Juneteenth

Sunday, June 20: Rev. Scot Hull, Father's Day

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell Christine Imielski

Call to Worship

Prelude “We Won’t Stop Dreaming,” PinkZebra, featuring our own Samantha Gesiakowski as part of Elgin Youth Choir

Welcoming Words

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) Montgomery Kids
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.

REcap

Moving Up Celebration

Teacher Appreciation Day

Offertory

Gratitude for the Offering

Reading

Musical Response “Love Is Love,” Able Betinis, UUSG Choir

Sermon

Closing Hymn # 1007 "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul;" video created by Karen Mooney and UU choirs as part of UUANI service

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...

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude "The Friendly Cat," Angela Salvaggione

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, June 6

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, June 7

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 9

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Julia Jones
- 7:00 pm The Shared Pulpit Sermon Seminar

Thursday, June 10

Friday, June 11

Saturday, June 12

Sunday, June 13

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Human Resources Meeting
- 1:00 pm RE Summer Family Ministry Event

Can't find something? Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

Announcements

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](#).

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, June 8, at 7pm. All UUSG Members & Friends are welcome. [Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641657846](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641657846). Meeting ID: 856 4165 7846.

Beyond Our Walls for June: Youth Outlook The June Beyond Our Walls offering is going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, support for parents, and community education. A number of new centers have been added in our region this year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

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 of? 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.

The Elgin Youth Choir is dedicated to fostering the love of music through the pursuit of excellence through individual and ensemble discipline, teamwork and collaboration, self-expression, self-confidence, and an ever-growing understanding of oneself and the impact one can have within the ensemble, school, community, and family environments. “We teach life through song.” Join the Elgin Youth Choir today! elginyouthchoir.org or email Barbara at blewis@elgin.edu.

RE Summer Family Ministry Events

Announcing...Summer (In-Person) Events! Please join us for Summer 2021 Family Ministry Events. Open to all, we hope you will join us. It would be great to see actual faces, and not just faces in Zoom boxes! We miss you and hope you can take advantage of one or more of these opportunities. Questions? Email Becky Hruby at DRE@uusg.org.

Sundays, 1-3pm, dates and locations are:

June 13, Batavia Riverwalk, Batavia: Meet at the playground. We can explore the Depot museum (if open), hang out at the playground, go for a stroll along the Fox River trail. We will end with a walk to the Batavia Creamery. UUSG will treat all members and friends to a cone. Nothing says summer like ice cream!

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 and 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.

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 his/her name to WOW leadership at 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.

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 June 21, on Zoom.](#)** Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873. To be added to our email list, send a note to office@uusg.org.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources #6 “Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice.” – Robert F. Kennedy
[To aid you on your path to becoming antiracist, here are more resources you might want to explore.](#)

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 119 members vaccinated**, we are so looking forward to being together again! Please let us know at admin.assistant@uusg.org.

UUSG Group Gatherings on Third Street We are thrilled to raise the tent once again. [Please utilize the sign up](#) and let the safe gatherings begin. One small step for all of us...one giant step towards resuming some sense of normalcy!

Time at Last! Our Walk in a Shakespeare Garden Let's get together to talk about what goes into a Shakespeare garden. We'll meet for around an hour or so on **Monday, June 14, at 7pm** through [Zoom](#). Because this is our first meeting together, this is an opportunity to introduce each other and tell about what you would like to learn. Then as time permits, I'll provide a brief presentation about Shakespeare gardens, and include a discussion on the topic. To help us get started, I'm providing a list of [online resources](#) for you. For more information or questions: contact Rose Doreen Mace at shakespeare@uusg.org.

Styrofoam Sunday The first Sunday of each month, 4pm, is the pick-up date/time. You may drop off packages with styrofoam at the church in the designated blue and black bins on the south side of the Pioneer House starting the Thursday prior to the first Sunday of each month following the guidelines below. ****Please note the location; we understand some have left the styrofoam on the front porch.**** You may also drop packages off on the front porch of Styrofoam coordinators Diane & Roger Gallentine at 1871 Allen Drive, Geneva, during the same times. Email us at rgallen123@hotmail.com or call at 630-677-6058 with questions. All styrofoam must be in bags (not in individual pieces) with food service styrofoam and packaging styrofoam in different bags. Food packaging must be washed or we will not be able to accept it, and it will go in the garbage bins. We take all contributions to the Dart recycling pick-up in North Aurora each month.

The church building will remain closed through June The re-opening task force is meeting on a more regular basis to determine a safe opening strategy. More news will be coming.

Wine Down Thursday You are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm, to Happy Hour. Next date is **June 10**. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the company of other UUs as we talk about anything and everything.

[Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 842 4179 6675.

Social Justice News

Thanks: The Social Justice Team appreciates the contributions of the following people who provided meals for Lazarus House this weekend: Cari Gesiakowski, Winelle Glaser, Page Poris, Gail Tattersfield, Renee Tomell, as well as the Clements, and Slaiher families.

June 5: Lazarus House [Sign up here](#) to prepare lunches for 17, Dinner for 12.

June 19: 9-12: Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Sign up here](#).

June 24: 9-10am, Supplies for Soup Kitchen lunches. [Sign up here](#). The Soup Kitchen has seen a dramatic increase in numbers of people needing their services. In June, we need people to provide 160 of each of the following: water bottles, fruit, chips, cookies, and snack bars. We are requesting that people sign up to provide 80.

July 3: Beginning in July, UUSG will resume its commitment to make sure that a volunteer spends the evening at Lazarus House to help staff in case of an emergency. Please contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org for this opportunity.

Green Sanctuary News

It is with deep regret that we share the news that CEJA did not pass in the General Assembly this term. It appeared to be close to the finish line until an eleventh-hour request that the Prairie State coal plant be exempted from the bill. Unfortunately, the Senate Leadership agreed, and the legislators could not reconcile their differences with the Governor. But this came after weeks of negotiations that only continued to ramp up to cover all concerns during the final day of session. It is not known why there was a last-minute maneuver to kill the bill. This remains to be discovered. We truly appreciate the advocacy by members and friends of UUSG. We promise you that the fight will continue.