



August 22, 2021

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

**In the Pulpit:** Chaplain Anthony Cruz Pantojas

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, Sarah and Helena Clark, Cynthia Spiegel, UUSG Choir

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, August 29:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Elizabeth Mount

**Sunday, September 5:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Michael Dowd

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

## Ringing the Bell

## Call to Worship

**Prelude** "To a Wild Rose," Edward MacDowell

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 301 "Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!"

Touch the earth, reach the sky!

Walk on shores while spirits fly  
over the ocean, over the land,  
our faith a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Children ask the reasons why.  
In our lives the answers show,  
and by our love they learn and grow.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
All are born and all shall die;  
life's the time left in between,  
to follow a star, to build a dream.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!  
Hug the laughter, feel the cry.  
May we see where we can give,  
for this is what it means to live.

## Chalice Lighting

## 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**

### **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 "We Laugh, We Cry"**

### **Gratitude for the Offering**

### **Reading**

**Musical Response** "Summertime," George Gershwin, DuBose & Dorothy Heyward, Ira Gershwin

### **Sermon "Empowering Meaningful Inter-Generational Relations"**

#### **Closing Hymn # 354 "We Laugh, We Cry"**

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.  
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.  
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.  
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a need to be together.  
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;  
and we believe that sharing is an answer.  
A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.  
We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow.  
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.  
We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a time to be together.  
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth,  
and we believe that growing is an answer.

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief.  
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief.  
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done  
the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a place to be together.  
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe  
that peace within our living is an answer.

## **Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing**

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** “Moment Serieux,” from “Pour Les Enfants, Vol. 4,”  
Alexandre Tansman

### **Community Announcements**

### **Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts**

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# Today & This Week at UUSG

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

## Sunday, August 22

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am Board Chat (online)

## Monday, August 23

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, August 24

- 12:00 pm Re-Opening meeting (online)
- 1:00 pm Worship Team Retreat

## Wednesday, August 25

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 pm The Luncheonettes

## Thursday, August 26

- 1:00 pm DEI Meeting (online)
- 1:00 pm Memoir Writing Group

## Friday, August 27

## Saturday, August 28

## Sunday, August 29

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 2:00 pm UUSJ of Chicago Quarterly Meeting (tentative)

**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).

# Announcements

**Anthony Cruz Pantojas** is an avid reader and tries not to get too engrossed in too many technical texts. When they are not thinking about theology, culture, and society, or existential questions, Anthony enjoys a strong brew of Cafe Bustelo with a dash of honey. They are also curious about self-care practices that are not overly commercialized.

**August Beyond Our Walls** Hesed House in Aurora is a national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. The culmination of nearly three decades of strategic evolution. Their highly skilled professionals collaborate to provide the tools necessary to help individuals and families break free of the shackles binding them to homelessness. With the help of professional staff, alliances with outside agencies over a thousand people are served through Hesed House's shelter and three housing programs annually. At their Comprehensive Homeless Resource Center, people receive support related to housing, support systems, life skills, legal issues, physical/emotional abuse, mental/physical health, and much more.

**UUSG's religious education program** is excited to kick off a new year! While we are filled with hope and excitement, we realize COVID will have an impact on RE attendance at this time. With that in mind, [please register](#) your child(ren) to ensure inclusion in communications and to enable us to plan for our full potential. We will discuss RE options with all who register upon the close of registration, which is one week from today. Any questions? Please contact Becky Hruby, [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org).

**Women's Circle** invites you save the date, **Sept. 25, 1-4 p.m.** for our kick-off of the new church year. Our very special guest speaker will be **Julia Jones**! We hope to see many of you there. More details soon.

**UUSG YouTube Channel - Sermons and More** Did you know UUSG has a [YouTube channel](#)? We post Rev. Scot's sermons, many of our guest speaker's sermons, UUSG member testimonials, and more! Thinking of inviting a friend to UUSG? Sharing a video is a great way for them to get an introduction to our church community. Remember to subscribe!

**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 **144 members** vaccinated. Please send vaccination updates to [admin.assistant@uusg.org](mailto:admin.assistant@uusg.org).

**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.

**Assertion Training Group** led by UUSG Member Richard E. "DJ" Jensen, PhD, Retired Psychologist. This group has a start date and time of Tuesday, Sep. 28, 7-8:30pm at UUSG, and meets weekly on Tuesday evenings for 9 or 10 sessions until December 7. No meeting week of Thanksgiving. Please direct questions to DJ at [rejensen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rejensen@sbcglobal.net).

The goal of Assertion Training is to acquire and enhance our ability to speak up for ourselves, to make known our preferences, and develop our ability to work out arrangements to achieve commonly agreed goals. And, very importantly, to do this while enhancing our feelings of personal confidence and comfort in interpersonal situations. Participation involves sharing our personal needs and preferences in a variety of situations. Participants will learn to analyze interpersonal situations and to understand the needs presented in a variety of different situations. Participants are engaged in role-playing interactions similar to everyday life. This provides useful experience for the personal interactions of everyday life. Alternative assertions (different ways of saying it) are always welcomed and needed, and group members are called upon to help one another by playing roles needed to develop the skills of positive assertion.

Please complete the [Application for Enrollment](#), to be considered for group membership, by September 21.

**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 **September 21**. The next book will be “Rage Becomes Her,” by Soraya Chemaly. Meeting ID: 869 8603 6292, Passcode: 1234. 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 **September 20**, on Zoom. Meeting ID: 881 0159 3697, Passcode: 215873.

### Social Justice News

**Thanks** The Social Justice team appreciates the help of following people who prepared food for Lazarus House residents this weekend: Kimberly Harrison, Linda Marquis, Rose & Craig Moore, Page Poris, Llona Steele, Mary Swanson, Gail Tattersfield, David & Renee Tomell.

**September 3, Any time: Prepare Lunch for Lazarus House** Great project for families! Prepare and deliver 17 sack lunches. [Details and sign-up here.](#)

**September 4, 6-7pm: Prepare and deliver a casserole and salad for 12.**  
[Details and sign-up here.](#)

**Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice** Need Your Testimony about Why You Advocate. UUSJ would love to hear from you before the end of September about:

- Why you are concerned about Voting Rights and value UUSJ's work with **Faithful Democracy**
- Why you care for immigrants, migrants, or detainees and cherish UUSJ's allyship with **We Are Home** and the **Detention Watch Network**
- Why do you believe climate change is an existential crisis, and appreciate UUSJ's partnerships with **UUMFE**

Your testimonial can be as long or short as you would like (roughly 200 words would be the average). Testimonials will be featured on their website and through their newsletter and emails. Please email your testimonial to us at your earliest convenience. Send to [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) and include a photo.