



August 29, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Elizabeth Mount

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Angela Salvaggione, Cynthia & Sophia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, September 12: Homecoming Sunday!

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell

Call to Worship

Prelude "Hidden Lake," Angela Salvaggione

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 1032 "Daoona Nayeesh"

Daoona nayeesh beesalaam;

daoona nayeesh Beemaan;

daoona nansij;

Ahlaam;

daoona namoot beesalaam.

Translation:

Let us live in peace.

Let us live in inner peace.

Let us weave our dreams together.

Let us die in peace.

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

For All Ages “Not Quite Narwhal,” Jessie Sima

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 Restoring and ‘Restory-ing’ Connectedness,” Joanna Macy

Musical Response “Amazing Grace,” American tune, arr. Angela Salvaggione

Sermon “Thy Ev’ry Name Be Blessed”

Closing Hymn “Lead with Love,” Melanie DeMore

Chalice Extinguishing and Unison Closing

Benediction

Postlude

Community Announcements

Talk Back and Coffee Hour Breakouts

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, August 29

- 10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

- 7:00 pm Parent Meeting (online)

Wednesday, September 1

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm The Shared Pulpit Sermon Seminar (Final-UUSG)
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group (online)

Thursday, September 2

- 7:00 pm Parent Meeting (online)

Friday, September 3

- 1:00 pm Green Sanctuary Meeting (online)
- Lazarus House Food Ministry (off-site)

Saturday, September 4

Lazarus House Food Ministry (off-site)

Sunday, September 5

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Social Justice Retreat

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

Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Mount is the minister at the First UU Church of Indiana, PA. They graduated from Meadville Lombard, and received ministerial fellowship in 2018. Prior to entering seminary, Elizabeth was an organizer with environmental and Latinx community projects in Western North Carolina, the Appalachian coal fields, and the highlands of Guatemala. They have also served the UUA on the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee for the past 4 years, engaging in anti-racism and anti-oppression work to further the inclusive capacity of our faith. Elizabeth believes in the power of people to build the Beloved Community here on Earth, and create communities that sustain us even in the hardest times.

Thy Ev'ry Name Be Blessed - Come for a sermon about the many names of God, and stay to hear them reflected in all of humanity and in one another. The worship today is about the divine in each and every one of us, whether we name that miracle in divine or secular ways, whether we understand ourselves as holy or magical, or a miracle of evolutionary chance. Let us take this hour together to reaffirm our commitment to name and love one another in the wholeness and holiness of all that we are.

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 today**. Any questions? Please contact Becky Hruby, dre@uusg.org.

UUSG Members and Friends! Our fall 2021 Homecoming Weekend with services at our church and a picnic at Wheeler Park is coming up soon. We hope we get to see each other, and enjoy our service in our sanctuary, masked and careful! The Worship Team with Rev. Scot has started discussing our UUSG worship year and the themes, holidays, and special topic services we might enjoy. We also will seek new guest speakers and are considering additions to our usual service, music, speakers, visuals, and participants. It's a new year, with our new minister, and we would love to have some new ideas from members of the congregation. **Please consider joining our small Worship Team to help imagine the new church year!** The Worship Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please connect with Rhonda Robinson or Rev. Scot.

A Celebration of Life Service for UUSG Member Nancy Goodfellow will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, September 25. The visitation will begin at 10am with the service to follow at 11am. If you have any questions, please contact Christine in the office at office@uusg.org or 630-232-2350.

The Green Sanctuary Team will meet on Friday, Sep. 3rd at 1 pm. We have not had a meeting for over a year, so this will be all new. Everyone is welcomed. [Join Zoom Meeting.](#)

UUSG Homecoming Picnic! Come join your UUSG Community at Wheeler Park Pavilion on Sunday, September 12 at 1pm for food, fun, music, and games. This year we are doing Bring Your Own Lunch, but we'll be providing sweet treats! Please [RSVP here to let us know you can attend.](#)

First Sundays Styrofoam Sunday Bring your clean Styrofoam to UUSG for recycling. Clean Styrofoam only! Any that is stained will have to be thrown away. Thanks to Green Sanctuary for this effort.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs Religious education (RE) volunteers still needed:

Teachers: All RE classes will be held at 10am this year, in the hour between the two Sunday morning worship services. Teaching is a twice per month commitment. No experience is necessary. **We need one additional teacher in grade 3-5.**

Arts & Exploration (A&E) Volunteers: For grades K-8, we are excited to offer A&E. A&E allows our kids, those who would otherwise be too young or too wiggly to make it all the way through a worship service, a place where they can play, interact, and be in community. During this time of heightened restrictions, A&E has been expanded to include all ages not yet eligible for a vaccine (12 and under) as well as their classmates (all middle school youth). Please sign up to help for just one hour. You'll be free to attend the other service. Please contact Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, at dre@uusg.org if you are interested in helping or simply learning more about these opportunities.

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

One Book One UUSG The WOW Team is happy to announce that the new book title for our next One Book One UUSG book discussion is “We Two Alone” by Jack Wang. Jennifer Klein will be our discussion leader on the evening of Monday, October 4, at 7pm via Zoom. This title is a newer book and may be a bit more difficult to get from your local library, however Townhouse Books, and Barnes and Noble have some copies. Certainly, this title can also be ordered at other bookstores. As always, we appreciate an RSVP to wow@uusg.org if you intend to attend that night. If you have questions, just drop us an email at the same address. Looking forward to seeing you and having another great discussion.

“We Two Alone,” by Jack Wang. A young boy jeopardizes his life to play hockey in 1920s Canada. A couple is caught in Shanghai in the midst of war. An actor in New York tries to keep his career afloat while his relationship crumbles. Threaded throughout these poignant short stories is the Chinese immigrant experience, as Wang paints a picture of life in diaspora throughout time. Capturing hope, pain, and sacrifice, these stories weave a story of those who journey into the unknown.

Social Justice News

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 and include a photo.

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