

**UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group** will soon begin a new book entitled, "America's Racial Karma: An Invitation to Heal," by Larry Ward. Dr. Ward is a senior teacher in the Plum Village tradition of the late Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. He also earned a PhD in Religious Studies, focused on Buddhism and the neuroscience of meditation. Dr. Ward's work focuses on non-violent social change, healing, and transformation. For more information, see the "About" section of his website: <http://www.thelotusinstitute.org/>. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM on Zoom. Lisa Gades ([uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org)).

**Please join us Sundays**, 6-7pm, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with Blue Lotus Temple monastics.

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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

### **Sunday, August 7**

- 9:00 AM
- 6:00 PM

Worship Service 10am

Styrofoam Sunday

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

### **Monday, August 8**

- 1:00 PM
- 7:00 PM

Finance Team Meeting -online

Sacred Text Study Group -online

### **Tuesday, August 9**

### **Wednesday, August 10**

- 7:00 PM

DEI Meeting -online

### **Thursday, August 11**

### **Friday, August 12**

- 8:00 AM

Facilities Team Work Day

### **Saturday, August 13**

- 9:00 AM
- 9:00 AM

Facilities Team Work Day

NIFB Group -off-site

### **Sunday, August 14**

- 6:00 PM

Worship Service 10am

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**UUSG's Annual Homecoming Picnic!** Come join your UUSG Community at Wheeler Park Pavilion on Sunday, September 11, at 12:30 PM for food, fun, music, and games. Fried chicken is provided. Sign up at [uusg.org/picnic](http://uusg.org/picnic) by September 4. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at [picnic@uusg.org](mailto:picnic@uusg.org).

# **Welcome to This House!**



## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**August 7, 2022**

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

**In the Pulpit:** Tom Durkin

**Worship Associate:** Ashley Peterson

**Musicians:** Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano;  
Jessica Littlefield, song leader

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll,  
Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, August 14:** Jay Cohen and Terry Kinsey  
from the Mindfulness Meditation Community at  
Unity Temple

**Sunday, August 21:** DEI Ministry Team

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Arise shine,” Urspringer & Robinson  
“Cornerstone,” Patillo

## Bell Ringing

## Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn** #26 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

## Welcoming Words

## Chalice Lighting

## Song of Praise

## Covenant

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

## Passing Peace

**Offertory** “That Which Began A Good Work In You,” Mohr

**Reading** Excerpt from the introduction to the book “Christ for  
Unitarian Universalists,” Rev. Scotty McLennan

**Responsive Music** “Across The Universe,” Lennon &  
McCartney

**Sermon** “Am I a UU Because of Jesus?”

**Hymn** #20 “Be Thou My Vision”

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Sending Music** “Awesome God/How Majestic Is Your  
Name,” Mullins/Smith

## Announcements

**Guest in the Pulpit: Tom Durkin** I was once asked “With  
Christianity influencing you so deeply, how did you find your  
way to Unitarian Universalism and what about this tradition  
appeals to you?” Come join me on August 7 to hear my  
answer this question.

## Social Justice

**August 13, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by Packing Food at the  
Northern IL Food Bank. Children ages 8 and up are welcome  
to volunteer with a parent.

[signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-food](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-food)

**September 3, 5:30-7 PM:** Deliver casserole and salad for 12  
to Lazarus House Homeless Shelter

[signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus)

**September 17, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by Packing Food  
Children ages 8 and up are welcome to volunteer with parent

[signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-food](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-food)

**September 22, 9-10 AM:** Take lunch items to the Soup  
Kitchen in Aurora. [signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-  
trinity](https://signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-trinity)

**Sister Supper-time is almost here!** Taking place in  
September, October, and November, Sister Suppers are  
small, lively home gatherings that help us get to know one  
another better over a shared meal. Hostesses open their  
homes to five participants, each of which brings a dish to  
share. Open to members and friends of UUSG who identify  
as women, they provide wonderful opportunities for  
connecting and reconnecting with other women within the  
UUSG community. More details and sign up at  
[uusg.org/sister-suppers](https://uusg.org/sister-suppers). Deadline is August 14!

**Thanks!** The Social Justice Team appreciates the  
contributions of the following people who donated food for the  
Aurora Soup Kitchen in July: Kevin Beyer, Larry Escalona,  
Lisa Gades, Linda O’Neill, Jean Pierce, Sherry Wilson, and  
Anne Wilson-Dooley.

**August ‘Beyond Our Walls’** Hased 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 Hased 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.

**Nursery Caregivers Needed** Do you like babies and  
children? Join our nursery staff and get paid doing what you  
love! Hours are 10:15-12 on Sundays. Pay is \$26 per shift.  
Min. age 18. Hiring 2-3 people (2 caregivers work each shift).  
Please spread the word and contact [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org)  
to inquire.

**A New Marketing Initiative for UUSG** You may have noticed  
an uptick in new content on our social media channels--and if  
you haven't, check it out! This is part of our new social media  
marketing initiative, and we would love your help. If you are at  
a UUSG event, meeting, or group outing, take a few photos or  
short videos and send them to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org)  
so that she can post them on our social media and/or use  
them in our publications.

Another way to help get UUSG's name and mission out to a  
wider audience is by liking and sharing the content we make  
online. Follow our Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to our  
YouTube Channel. Thinking of inviting a friend to UUSG?  
Sharing a video, Facebook Reel, or Instagram post are great  
ways for them to get an introduction to our church  
community!

Thanks for helping us to get the word out about what a  
wonderful community we have here!

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