

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2015

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 1002 “Comfort Me”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

At the sounding of the Rin Gong, please enter into Shared Silence.

Prelude *One Voice*, Ruth Moody

Chalice Lighting

* **Song of Praise** (please see lyrics inside cover)

Antiphonal Reading # 577 “It Is Possible to Live in Peace”

* **Unison Reading of Our Covenant** (please see words inside cover)

* **Doxology** (please see lyrics inside cover)

For All Ages

Congregational Offering *Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?*,
E.Y. Harburg, Jay Gorney

Children & adult leaders go to religious education classes & activities.

Our Community’s Announcements

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *Moments*, Sam Tate, Annie Tate, Dave Berg

Readings

Hymn # 1012 “When I Am Frightened”

Sermon Thom Thomas: “Reader’s Theatre – Omelas”

Hymn # 351 “A Long, Long Way the Sea-Winds Blow”

Unison Closing # 595 “Free from Suffering”

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction.

Postlude *We Can’t End This Way*, Ben Harper

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Both Services

Musicians: Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, Katie Baar,
Kelly Herz, Cynthia Spiegel;
UUSG One Voice Band: Tracey McFadden,
Andy Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Tracy
Rosenkrans, John Towell
Social Hour Hosts: UUSG Buddhist Meditation & Study Group
Counters: Brad Lipman, George Tattersfield
LRE Point Person: Jenny Montgomery

9:30am service

Worship Associate: William Elbert
Greeter: Eric Jonke
Nursery Caregivers: Veronica Norris, Kerry Sapet
Grades K-2 Teachers: Becky Hruby, Bill Scown
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Alice Martin, Shawn Thornton

11:15am service

Worship Associate: Melissa Auer
Nursery Caregivers: Kathy Bonea, Veronica Norris
Grades K-2 Teachers: Jaime Andersen, Ilene Smit
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Wendy Mosier, Lyn Wilder-Dean
Grades 6-8 Teachers: Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Jenny Montgomery
Grades 9-12 Advisors: Nancy Christensen, Mary Jonke, Elba Karim,
Zia Karim, Laura Laughlin, Andy
Montgomery, Bill Pokorny, Tom Zimmerman

INSIDE STORY: "Be Our Guest" Day is May 3

Now is the time to share your UUSG love with your friends and family. We will welcome all guests and friends during a special Social Hour between services on Sunday, May 3, and also at the 9:30am and 11:15am services. Questions? Contact Cindy Vacek, Jennifer Klein, and Debbie Leoni at BeOurGuest@uusg.org.

LENDING A HAND

Volunteers are needed to **water the newly-seeded areas** along the walkways. For now, we are on an every-other-day cycle unless Mother Nature helps us out. If you can help, please sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/new-grass. We need to keep the areas evenly moist until all germination takes place and we have a good stance of grass established. Each watering will take 30-45 minutes. Church member Velma Powers would be happy to meet with anyone who feels they could use some more guidance; she can be reached with an email to newgrass@uusg.org.

Keep UUSG weed-free by signing up to care for the church grounds for one week this spring or summer. You won't need to water— just come by when you can, for as long as you can, during that week and pull up some weeds. Sign up at uusg.org/weeding or in the Common Room.

Even if you don't have a green thumb, we have lots of different jobs that need to be done during our **Annual Spring Spruce-Up** on Saturday, May 16. This is also our monthly Day of Service when we practice practical goodness in our own back (and front) yard. Arrive between 9am and 11am to lend a hand as we spruce up our UUSG grounds. The Hospitality and Fellowship Team will provide food and drinks. Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/spring-spruce-up.

GIVING THANKS

We are **grateful to our Buddhist Study Group for our Social Hour** this morning. We value this time at a welcoming place to gather for treats and conversation with our UU community. We look forward to Social Hour with our Simply Sharing Circle next Sunday. Thank you to all who help for your generous effort!

This week's "Promoting Practical Goodness" Award goes to **Jeanne Neltner and Vohny Moehling**, who provided refreshments for 75 people at an April 4 memorial service reception that we hosted for UUSG friends.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Today's social hour is hosted by UUSG's Buddhist Meditation & Study Group. The group **meets for meditation and book discussion** every Wednesday, 7-8pm, and is happy to welcome new members. In a few weeks, they'll start a new book that is particularly suited to beginners: "Eight Mindful Steps to Happiness" by Bhante Gunaratana. Questions? Contact Eric Bodwell or Lisa Gades at uubuddhism@uusg.org.

The UUSG Mental Health Ministry will present a **forum on adolescence today at 1pm**. We will have a speaker who will review the history of adolescence, a clinician talking about what can go wrong during adolescence, and two teenagers who will focus more on the positive aspects of adolescence.

Interweave is a local group of **LGBTQ members, friends, and allies** who meet once a month to have time together for discussions and special events. We will meet today at 12:30pm to discuss families with young persons who are out or questioning. We will also discuss our picnic plans for June 21.

Commit to Knit's next meeting will be May 3 in the Common Room between services. Join us in lovingly creating gifts for local services as well as the non-profit knitting4peace.org/. All skill levels welcome (assistance available). Donations of yarn, needles, and patterns gratefully accepted. Please contact Katherine Lyons (knitting@uusg.org) with any questions.

On Sunday, April 12, **the following people signed “The Book”** and became official members of UUSG. Welcome home!

Cathy Carpenter

Ann Holt-Harris

James Carroll

Charles Lantz

Jamie Carroll

Omar Mejia

James Cunningham

Steve Zrebiec

WomenSpiritRising will meet Thursday, May 7, with ingathering between 7:15pm and 7:30pm. All women are welcome.

The Women’s Guild of UUSG invites all interested folks to join them for lunch on Monday, **May 11 at 12:30pm at Cooper’s Corner** in Winfield. Please sign up in the Common Room or contact Winnie Blewitt if you plan to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

We need teachers for our LRE program. We have exciting curriculum focused on our UU sources. In a teaching team of four people, you can pick your Sundays, teaching twice a month on average. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Michelle Gibson, our Church School Administrator, at LRE@uusg.org.

The **OWL Recognition** will be held today during the 11:15am service.

Spring **CON will be May 1-3** at the DuPage UU church in Naperville.

Can You Help? Make a few extra bucks while helping out the littlest UUs! We’re looking for someone to **join our Nursery Care Provider staff**. If you would like to join our group of rotating providers or know someone who might be a good fit in our nursery, please contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org. Although we’re particularly looking for regular help, please also let us know if you can be called for events on short notice.

The **Love and Help activity books are due back** to your child’s LRE teacher by May 3. If your child has not received an activity book, please have them pick up a packet from their teacher. The program encourages children to discover their personal beliefs about themselves, family, friendship, and their UU congregations.

NUTS & BOLTS

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, is **on Retreat through April 27**. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, you may call Lay Ministries Coordinator, Mark Alleman, at 630-863-3569 or Lay Minister Jim Jenkins at 630-677-2232.

You are invited to attend a **special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 28** at 7pm. The Board will vote on the proposed budget at that time and all UUSG members are encouraged to attend, especially if you have questions about our income and/or expenses.

The Spring-Summer 2015 **Directory of UUSG Members & Friends** is available in the Common Room (or, if you’re in the directory, you received a PDF version via email last week).

If you haven’t been to uusg.org lately, check it out—it has a new look!

Our Congregational Administrator, **Katie Phillips, will be off** work and out of the office Thursday, May 7 through Monday, May 11.

If you use an offering envelope to make your donation, first of all, thank you for your generosity! Secondly, **please print your first and last name legibly** so we can give you proper credit.

Miss a Service? If you didn’t make it to a Sunday service or just want to hear the sermon again, you can get a CD recording by asking Jeff Stibal (technologychair@uusg.org). You can **see what’s new on our podcast** at uusg.org/podcasts.

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, immediately after the 2nd service. To ensure that we have enough voting members in attendance to form a quorum, please sign up at uusg.org/annual-meeting or in the Common Room to tell us whether or not you plan to attend.

Would you like to automate your giving to UUSG? **We now have a Paypal account**, so you can set up a recurring payment to come from your checking account or be charged to your credit card. You don't have to remember to write a check and we don't have to worry about a snow day throwing off our cash flow—everybody wins! Go to our homepage (uusg.org), scroll down, and click on the Paypal logo in the lower right.

What Happens at Board Meetings? To improve communication, the Board of Directors publishes a summary of each meeting (see the article below for information about the April meeting). For a more detailed description of the Board meetings, see the official minutes online (uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes). Please note that these are posted later than the summary, after they have been approved by the Board the following month. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Board meetings, held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Board Meeting Summary: April 14, 2015

- Motion passed to postpone April 21 meeting to discuss land donation
- Budget challenges reviewed with Finance Team
- Executive session on personnel issues
- Voted on new Ministry on Ministries (“MOM”) members
- Started actions to form team to propose new time table for UUSG goals and reports

Read All About It! If you see UUSG mentioned in a newspaper or online, please send the link or bring the article to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org).

Who Deserves a PPG Award? Our weekly “Promoting Practical Goodness” Award is an opportunity to recognize our fellow church members and friends for the many small ways people give of themselves at UUSG. If you’d like to nominate someone, fill out a slip on the “PPG” display in the Common Room or send 1-2 sentences about what they do (or did) to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org).

“CHANGE FOR A CHANGE”

The “Change for a Change” jar at the front of the Sanctuary is a year-round project that supports an organization chosen by students in our Religious Education Program.

This church year, contributions to the “Change for a Change” jar will support our Bridge family, Jasmine Cotton and her five-year-old twin boys, Jahki and Jahleel. Jasmine is earning high grades at DeVry Institute, where she is pursuing a nursing degree. Her active sons are attending day care and preschool. UUSG is partnering in this project with the DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Board Meeting Minutes: uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes

Team Reports: uusg.org/team-reports

Financial Reports: uusg.org/financial-report

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 3, 2015: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates:
“Cats, Collies, and Gardens Again”

May 10, 2015: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates:
Mothers’ Day; Flower Services

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT UUSG

Sunday, April 26

- 11:15 am Senior Minister on Retreat through April 27
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Coming of Age Program
- 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 pm Interweave Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Event: Adolescence

Monday, April 27

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share
- 7:30 pm Compassionate Communication Study Group
- 7:30 pm Online Covenant Group

Tuesday, April 28

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Small Group Ministry
- 7:00 pm Special Budget Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

- 7:00 pm Senior Minister's Day Off
- 7:30 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:30 pm GAS AA

Thursday, April 30

Senior Minister's Sabbath

Friday, May 1

Congregational Administrator's Day Off
Church School Administrator's Day Off

Saturday, May 2

- 7:30 pm Congregational Administrator's Day Off
- 7:30 pm Church School Administrator's Day Off
- 7:30 pm Volunteer Teacher Wrap-Up Party (off-site)

Sunday, May 3

- 8:15 am Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Coming of Age Program
- 12:30 pm Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group
- 12:30 pm Choir Party for Bridget Kancler
- 12:45pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lay Ministers' Meeting

GIVING “BEYOND OUR WALLS”

Each week, funds identified as “Beyond Our Walls” (BOW) are donated to a charity or social service project that our Social Justice Team has identified as being in harmony with our mission to be “...a force for compassionate social justice.”

In April, donations will go to support The Conservation Foundation.

Founded in 1972, The Conservation Foundation is one of the region’s oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations dedicated to preserving and restoring open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment in northeastern Illinois.

The Conservation Foundation fights for protection and acquisition of open space in Kane, DuPage, and Kendall counties, and coordinates sustainable achievements in all three counties, having excellent education opportunities for children as well. Their current fundraiser’s matching gift challenge triples the entire total after \$250,000 is reached!

For people who would like to target their donations to particular causes, here is the schedule for our upcoming monthly collections:

May: “Freedom from Hunger” micro-grants

June: Tri-City Family Services

July: JAMS secondary school for girls in rural Kenya

August: Teaching Tolerance

September: Lazarus House

GETTING INVOLVED

- Want to learn more about being a “For All Ages” presenter? Contact Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.
- Want to share special music with the congregation? Contact our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org.
- Would you like to greet or host? Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/greeting/ or uusg.org/hosting/. Questions? Talk to our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.
- Interested in learning more about our religious education program and teaching the next generation of UUs? Contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

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