

**Women's Circle Event October 28, 1-4pm:** A Stereotype 'Blast': Muslim Women and Spirituality, Bringing the World Together. Want to learn more about Islam and the lives of Muslim women here and abroad? Have questions about their role in family life, or the limitations and opportunities afforded them? Come share a presentation and discussion on these and related topics with our special guest speaker, Huda Husseini, a chemistry educator and mother originally from Jordan. Sign up: [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Historic Prints Available** We've had some amazing events surrounding our 175th year, and this is a reminder that you can get prints suitable for framing of the UUSG building dated 1893 or the Historic American Buildings Survey done by the WPA. Various sizes are available. More info at [New2U](#) on the UUSG home page.

**If you missed the UUSG Book Release Party**, but would still like to purchase a copy of *Lighting the Chalice*, stop by Christine's office or visit [Amazon](#). Books are \$10.

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

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

### **Sunday, October 1**

- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 10:30 am RE Students Music Art Project
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Becoming Involved in Deportation Defense Efforts
- 12:45 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting

### **Monday, October 2**

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 3**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

### **Wednesday, October 4**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### **Thursday, October 5**

- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

### **Friday, October 6**

### **Saturday, October 7**

### **Sunday, October 8**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Taoism Discussion Group
- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

# **Welcome to This House!**



*October 1, 2017*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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

Worship Associates: Christine Schulman, Gail Tattersfield  
Greeter: Martha Tabis  
Musician: Dean Malambri  
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Jim Carroll

### **Upcoming Services**

October 8: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
October 15: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 204 “Come, O Sabbath Day”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

*Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong.*

**Prelude** *Allemande*

### Chalice Lighting

**Song of Praise** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

**Antiphonal Reading** # 594 “Principles and Purposes for All of Us”

**Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

**Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

### Intro to the Offering / Beyond Our Walls

Mutual Ground; “A Terrible Thing Happened” (Margaret M. Holmes) Presented by Bill Scown, Ilene Smit

**Offering** *From Sonata in A*, Schubert

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Prelude*, Scriabin

**Hymn** # 317 “We Are Not Our Own”

**Sermon** “Principles & Purposes,”

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 34 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

**Unison Closing** # 692 (Lauralyn Bellamy)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Alleluia*, L. Cohen

## Announcements

**We need greeters & ushers** to welcome folks as they arrive, help them find seats, take up the collection, and record attendance. Rev. Lindsay would love to see scheduled greeters/ushers weekly, as it is one less thing she needs to worry about. Please sign up [here](#) and give Rev. Lindsay some peace of mind!

**Thank you, Ministry on Ministries & Heritage Teams**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Buddhist Meditation & Study Group will host next week. We appreciate you!

**Today at UUSG: Are you deeply uncomfortable** with the rise of hate and vilification of undocumented immigrants and refugees? Do you want to make a difference, but are unsure how? The Social Justice Team has asked Cinthya Rodriguez of Chicago Religious Leadership Network of Latin America to come to UUSG, and assist us in discerning the best ways to respond. Ms. Rodriguez will present a variety of methods that we can employ to counter hate and assist our neighbors locally and beyond. Please plan on attending today, 12:30-2:30pm.

**You and your reasonably well-behaved** (please!) animal companions – furred or feathered, shelled or scaled, hooved or clawed or no feet at all – are invited to a special service on Sunday afternoon, October 8, at 2pm, on our Third Street property. Please be sure your special critters are appropriately leashed or tethered or caged in secure carriers. We’ll have a general blessing for all the companions present, in fact or in spirit (bring pictures if you’d like of those who now live on in your hearts), followed by individual blessings for any creature who wants one.

**Join the Taoism Discussion Group** on Sunday, October 8, at 12:30pm in the Servetus Room. We will be discussing chapters 6-10 of the “Tao Te Ching.” However, you need not have read the material to benefit from this discussion group. Anyone interested in Taoism as a philosophy is welcome!

**Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk** Our church is forming a team to walk for hunger relief both locally and around the world. The 3 mile walk takes place on Saturday October 14, at 8:00am. Visit [crophungerwalk.org/saintcharlesil](http://crophungerwalk.org/saintcharlesil), team “Universalist of Geneva.” Contact Shawn Thornton for walk donation envelopes at [cropwalk@uusg.org](mailto:cropwalk@uusg.org).

**New Around Here?** The Welcoming Team invites newcomers to join us for our Fall 2017 Pathway to Membership orientation on Sunday, October 15. We’ll begin with a light lunch at 12:30, and from 1:00 to 2:30, we’ll share our unique spiritual journeys. Those who would like to stick around from 2:30 to 4:00 will learn about the privileges and responsibilities of becoming a member of UUSG. Folks who’ve participated in New UUs prior to 2017 but haven’t yet signed our membership book are welcome to join us at 2:30. At the end of the afternoon, anyone who feels ready to commit to full voting member status may do so. Please note that attendees are under no obligation to sign The Book if the time is not yet right. RSVP at [uusg.org/pathway](http://uusg.org/pathway).

**Get Involved with Interweave** 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 at 12:30 on Sunday October 15, to plan our winter activities and discuss current events. For information please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave.leader@uusg.org](mailto:interweave.leader@uusg.org).

**For UUs who simply want to learn** more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will be October 16, 7-8:30 pm. Our next meeting will be October 16. We’ll be finishing “[The Bible: A Biography \(Books That Changed the World\)](#)” by Karen Armstrong. If you haven’t had a chance to finish the reading, please join us anyway. The conversation frequently wanders beyond the book. More info? Jim Frazier: [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**Save the date** for the Green Sanctuary Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 21, at 6pm in the Common Room. Dinner will be preceded by 1/2 hour presentation by Dan Huntsha of Faith in Place ([faithinplace.org](http://faithinplace.org)). RSVP [here](#).

**Save the Date!** The 5th Annual UUSG Women’s Retreat, “Discover Your Flow...Pause and Bond with the Women of UUSG,” will be held January 19-21, 2018.