

**Beyond Our Walls: Mutual Ground Shelter** provides services in Kane and Kendall Counties for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. They provide shelter and services to approximately 1,500 women and children each year. Their goal is to empower victims to make their own decisions when provided support, encouragement, and information. Please make checks payable to UUSG with "BOW" in the Memo Line.

**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. As in past years, it will be held at Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, Nazareth Retreat House in Batavia. Registration will be open from October 15 to December 1. Questions? Contact Rachel Harbold at [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org).

**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!

**If you would 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 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
- 12:45 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

### Monday, October 9

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:00 am Girl Scout Leader CPR/First Aid Training
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

### Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 am Geneva History Center Bell-Ringing
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### Thursday, October 12

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Small Group Ministry

### Friday, October 13

### Saturday, October 14

- 8:00 am Crop Walk (off-site)

### Sunday, October 15

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 10:30 am Veterans' Service Planning Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Pathway to Membership
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

# Welcome to This House!



October 8, 2017

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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### Today's Worship Team

Worship Associates: Andrea Gruszecki, Doreen Christiani  
Musicians: Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, Elena Spiegel; UUSG  
Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel  
Greeters: Martha Tabis, Patricia Ward  
Hosts: UUSG Buddhist Meditation & Study Group  
Counters: The Finance Team

### Upcoming Services

October 15: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
October 22: the Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**Song of Community** *White Dolphin Swimming*

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Counterpoint of the Animals*, Bachcheri, text Robinson

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 551 “Earth Teach Me”

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

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

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *The Swan*, from *Carnival of the Animals*, Camille Saint-Saens

**For All Ages** the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Instrument of Your Peace*, Keveren and Marino; text adapted from the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Hymn** # 203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

**Sermon** “Blessings (of) the Beasts,”  
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 1066 “O Brother Sun”

**Unison Closing** # 681 (Adapted from Gaelic Runes)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *May You Go in Peace*, Diana Ward

## Announcements

**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 today, 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 today**, 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!

**Staff Time Off** Rev. Lindsay will be on retreat October 16-23, and Christine will be out of the office October 16 & 17. The office will be closed on October 16 & 17. Thank you!

**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).

**Mountain Bike.** Just listed on New2U -- a great mountain bike for youth. Check it out on New2U via UUSG's home page.

**Thank you, Buddhist Meditation & Study Group**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Social Justice Team will host next week. We appreciate your effort to help us feel welcome!

**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. 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).

**Green Sanctuary’s Post Card Writing Event** On Saturday, October 21, 10-12am, we need hands, many hands, to put your name on a card and ask our Representatives to consider Human Rights and the Environment in their deliberations. Learn about the plan to make this a continuous campaign throughout the year. We will supply cards, pens, stamps, and material to copy or edit as needed.

**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](#).

**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).

**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 29, 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).