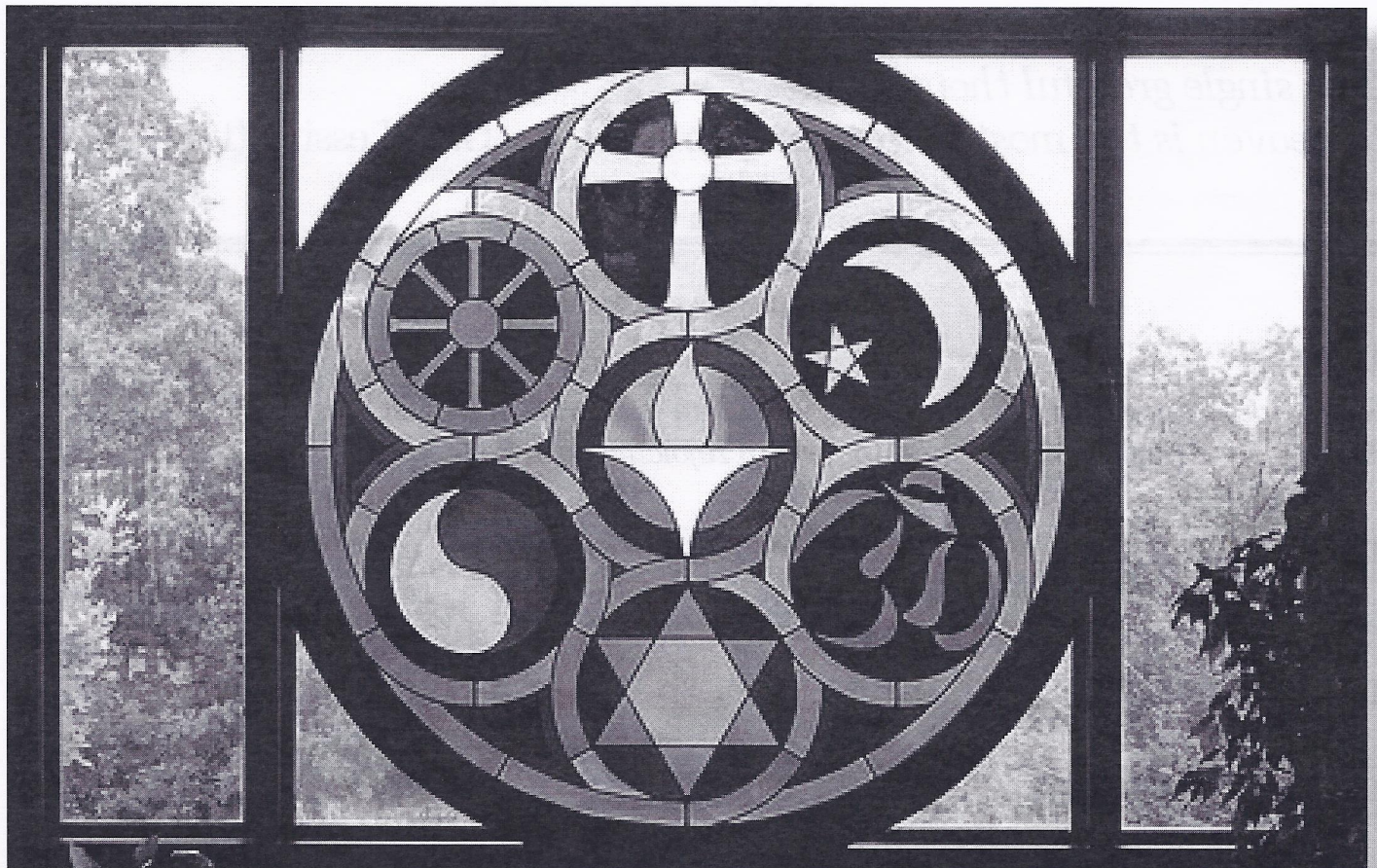


A Service of Worship:

*San Francisco's Annual
Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration*

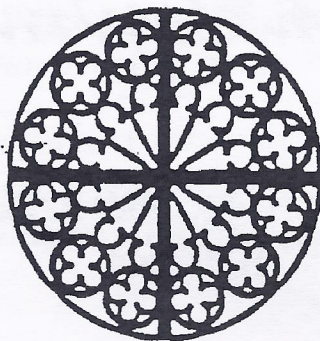
Thursday November 27, 2008
10:00 am



The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

The First Unitarian Universalist Church
of San Francisco, California

Since 1850 – A Welcoming Community For the Liberal Spirit



*One single grateful thought raised
to heaven is the most perfect prayer.*

–G. E. Lessing (1729-1781)

THE FOREWARD

*For the quiet time during the prelude, we invite you to be in prayer.
As you leave the service of worship, join in rejoicing with your neighbor.*

THE PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

THE BELL ANTHEM

Rigaudon

Andre Campra (1660-1744)

THE WELCOME

THE PROCLAMATION

President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, 1863

⊕ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

America the Beautiful

MATERNA

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!*

*America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!*

*America! America!
God shed her grace on thee,
And crown they good with sisterhood
From sea to shining sea.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the Buddhist Tradition
In the Christian Tradition
In the Muslim Tradition

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Voice Still and Small

John Corrado (b. 1940)

*Voice still and small, deep inside all, I hear your call, singing.
In storm and rain, sorrow and pain, still we remain, singing.
Calming my fears, quenching my tears, through all the years, singing.*

⊕ THE LITANY (congregation standing)

One: This is a day of possibility and promise, for we have embarked on a new path with a right spirit and inclusive vision.

All: **We gather together in joyful thanksgiving, acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share.**

One: This is a day of challenge and chance, for we know that many will go hungry while others feast and forget.

All: **Both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living; we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.**

One: This is a day for gratitude and graciousness, for our faith in humanity reaps its own harvest of hope.

All: **A true affirmation in joy and tribulation, when bound to human care and hope: then we are free!**

One: How shall we then live? Let us promote the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

All: **How shall we then love? Let us proclaim the inherent worth and dignity of every person in every land.**

– written by Greg Stewart, based on the hymn, *We Gather Together*

⊕ THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We Gather Together, No. 349

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THE THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS

THE MUSIC OF OUR WORLD

L'Dor VaDor

Meir Finkelstein (b. 1951)

From generation to generation we will declare Your glory, and to all eternity we will proclaim Your holiness. Your praise shall never depart from our lips.

Blessed is the Lord, the Holy God.

THE WISDOM FROM SACRED SCRIPTURES

From the Hebrew Bible

From the Christian Bible

From the Rig Veda

THE ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Wadsworth Lowry (1826-1899)

Arr. Ronald Staheli (b. 1950)

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night in giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing.*

*When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!*

THE THANKGIVING REFLECTION

THE MUSIC OF OUR WORLD

O Mio Babbino Caro

Giocomo Puccini (1858-1924)

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Today's offering supports the ministry of the San Francisco Interfaith Council's Winter Shelter programs at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. *(Make checks payable to SFIC.)*

The Offertory Music

The Magic Flute

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)

The Receiving of the People's Gifts

⊕ THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We Would Be One, No. 318

FINLANDIA

THE SPOKEN BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

May Sun Warm You

Gerald Custer (b. 1955)

THE POSTLUDE

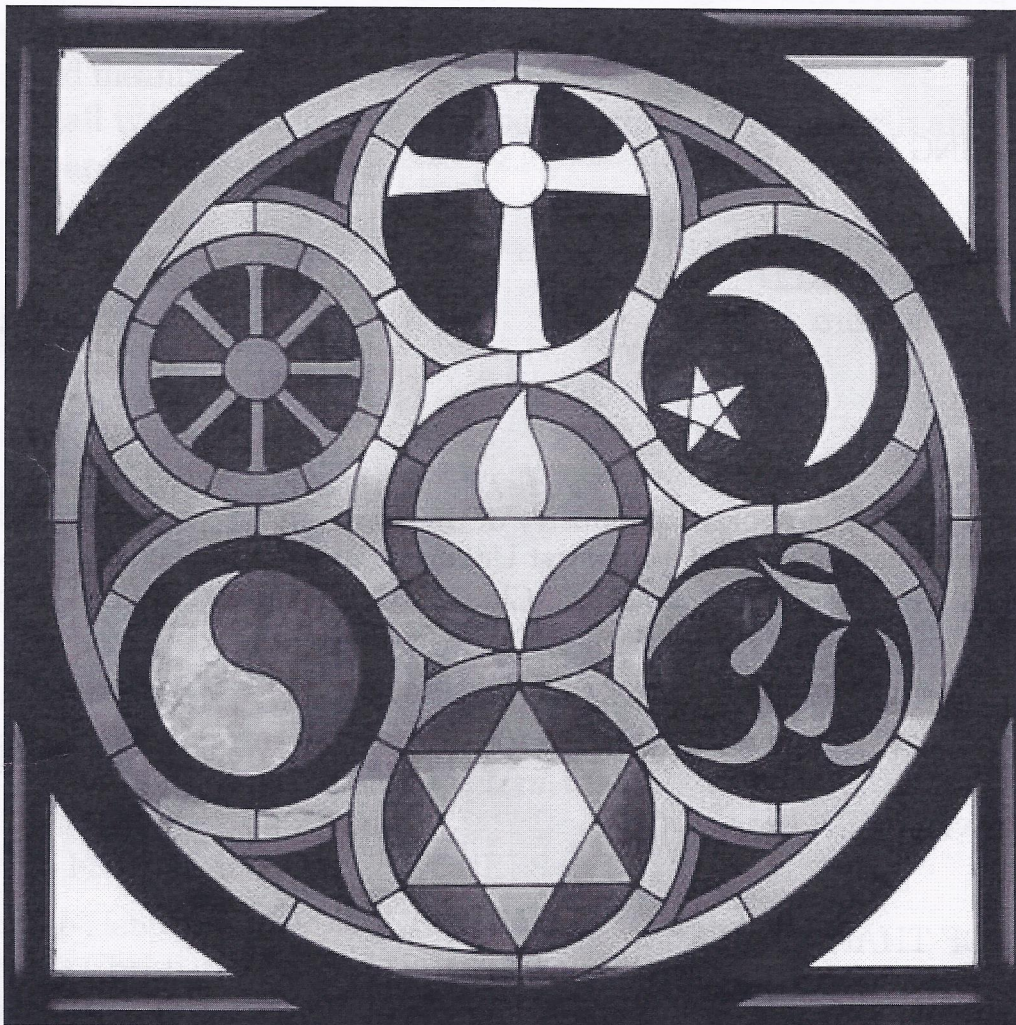
Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Log Cabin Blues

George Hamilton Green (1893-1970)

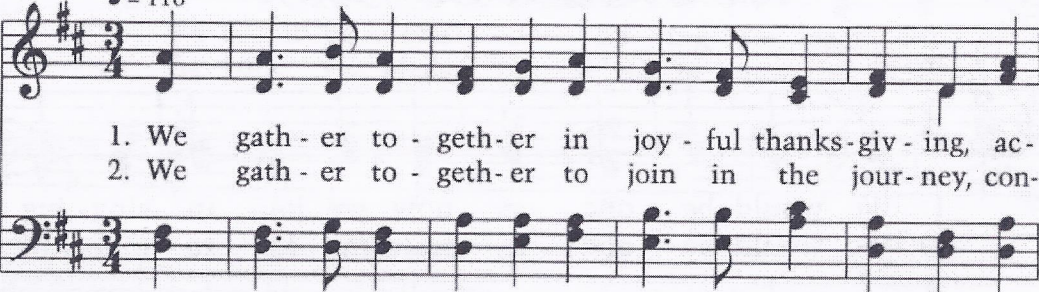
⊕ Please rise in body or spirit



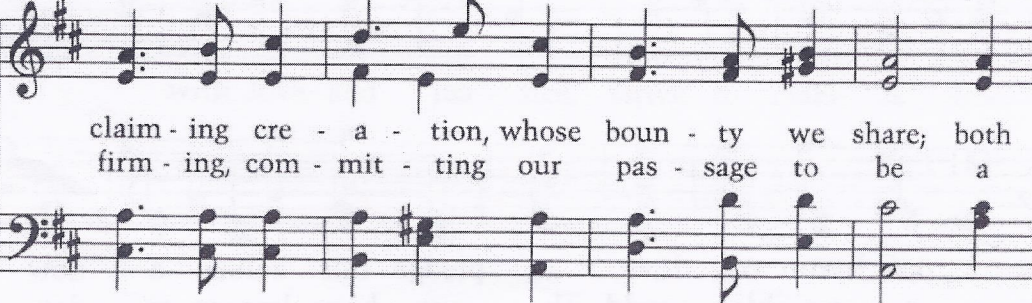
We Gather Together

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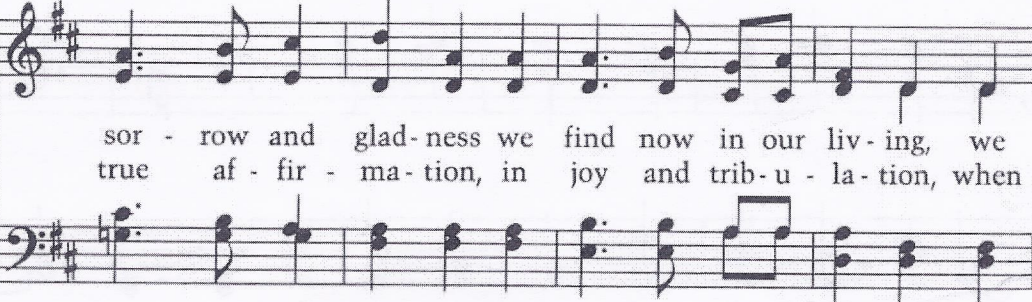
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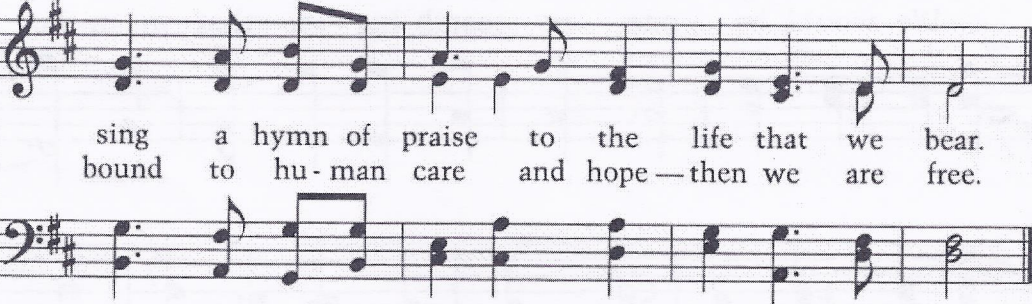
1. We gath - er to - geth - er in joy - ful thanks - giv - ing, ac -
2. We gath - er to - geth - er to join in the jour - ney, con -



claim - ing cre - a - tion, whose boun - ty we share; both
firm - ing, com - mit - ting our pas - sage to be a



sor - row and glad - ness we find now in our liv - ing, we
true af - fir - ma - tion, in joy and trib - u - la - tion, when



sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.
bound to hu - man care and hope — then we are free.

⊕ Words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas, 1930- , and
⊕ Robert E. Senghas, 1928- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association
Music: Adrian Valerius's *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626,
arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914

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H O P E

We Would Be One

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1. We would be one as now we join in sing-ing
 2. We would be one in build-ing for to - mor-row

our hymn of love, to pledge our - selves a - new
 a no - bler world than we have known to - day.

to that high cause of great - er un - der - stand - ing
 We would be one in search - ing for that mean - ing

of who we are, and what in us is true.
 which binds our hearts and points us on our way.

We would be one in liv - ing for each oth - er
As one, we pledge our - selves to great - er ser - vice,

to show to all a new com - mu - ni - ty.
with love and jus - tice, strive to make us free.



Photo Courtesy of Sonnie Willis

This Year's Worship Leaders (in order of appearance)

Dionte Stewart, *Acolyte*, First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Michael G. Pappas, *Executive Director*, San Francisco Interfaith Counsel

Claire Bohman, *Community Organizer*, San Francisco Organizing Project

The Reverend Israel Alvaran, *Organizer*, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice

Shoju Trevor Maloney, *Beginner's Mind Temple*, San Francisco Zen Center

Father John Talesfore, *Rector*, Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption

Imam Suleiman Ghali, Islamic Society of San Francisco

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, *Pastor*, Old First Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Lyle Beckman, *Night Minister*, San Francisco Night Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Douglass E. Fitch, *Pastor*, Sunday Afternoon Fellowship

Angeli Raven Fitch, *Member*, Sunday Afternoon Fellowship

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, *Senior Educator*, Congregation Emanu-El

The Reverend Susan Strouse, *Pastor*, First United Lutheran Church

Swami Satya Brahamnanada Saraswati, Ved Vigyan Sanasthan Kendra

The Reverend Greg Stewart, *Senior Minister*, First Unitarian Universalist Society

Peter Olandt, *Ministerial Intern*, First Unitarian Universalist Society

Sr. Carmen Barsody, *Co-founder and Co-director*, Faith Fools Street Ministry

Ministry of Music

Dr. Mark Sumner, *Music Director*, First Unitarian Universalist Society

Reiko Oda Lane, *Organ*, First Unitarian Universalist Society

Allen Biggs, *Percussion*

Jules Christensen, *Percussion*

Roslyn Barak, *Cantor*, Congregation Emanu-El

Who Are We?

We are thinkers and feelers, atheists and believers, Eastern and Western, children and adults, sinners and saints, gay and straight, rich and poor, New Agers and old timers, native San Franciscans and recent arrivals, conservatives and liberals, early birds and procrastinators . . . *Our differences unite us.* Surely there is a place here for you, too.

We welcome all who believe that religion is wider than any sect and deeper than any set of opinions. *Our spirituality is ever-evolving, never static.* Your faith will help us grow.

The work of this church in the world is realized through the generous financial support of all who call this place "home," along with the gifts of time and talent. *Ours is a shared ministry.* You have a role to play here. Church membership is open to all.

*Are you new to
our congregation
or Unitarian Universalism?*

Attend our Newcomer Orientation,

Sunday, December 7

12:30 pm., Murdock Room.

We're glad you're here!



The Path to Membership

Are you ready to become a member of our congregation?

- ① Attend the monthly Invitation to Membership in the minister's study (2nd floor, Dutton Study) on the third Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm.
- ② Make a financial pledge to the work of this church in the world.
- ③ Sign the historic Membership Book.
- ④ Questions? Call Rev. Greg Stewart at 415-776-4580 x122.

We're glad you're here!

