

A warm welcome to our guests. We're glad you are here! Be sure to give your name and email to Karin (secretary@genevauu.org) if you are interested in receiving reminders about our monthly meetings and events. Please join us after the service for shared food & beverage.

JUG ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Sunday Meeting, December 15th, 5:30-7pm, Quaker House, join us for a celebration of winter holidays, including old favorite Christmas carols galore.

Fond Farewell and Sing-along, Monday, 2 Dec. 7:30pm, Paddy's Pub, Greg Ratta, UUG Founding and Past President is returning to the U.S. after five years of dedication and contribution to our community. Come herald and bid him "adieu ou adéesse!"

3rd Sunday Meeting, January 19th, 5:30-7pm, Quaker House, TBA.

UUG Officers:

Aneta Wierzynska, acting President
Leborah Toppenberg-Pejcic, Treasurer
Karin Holm Randall, Secretary
Greg Ratta, Past President
Scott Andersen, Social Action Chair
Eva Gutnick, Steering Committee
Thomas Allen, Steering Committee

Unitarian Universalists of Geneva meets monthly at the new meeting time of 5:30pm, on the 3rd Sundays of the month (usually at the Quaker House, 13 Avenue du Mervelet, 1209 Petit Saconnex) followed by potluck social time. Check for updates on www.genevauu.org.

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If you would like an electronic copy of the order of service, sermons, song inserts and readings (when available), for personal use or to send to friends, please send an email and indicate which date to: secretary@genevauu.org. We also have By-laws and statutes as an association Suisse.



"Mindful Gratitude"

Led by Aneta Wierzynska
UUG President

Sunday, November 17, 2013
5:30pm Quaker House

Unitarian Universalists of Geneva
A non-creedal, lay-led group in Geneva, Switzerland.



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Order of Service

OPENING SONG – “Lucky Man”, Rula Saba, guest vocalist (See insert)

WELCOME & WELCOMING EACH OTHER – Tomas Allen

Imagine a community that embraces many beliefs, including yours. We are an open community for people of different beliefs, convictions, and backgrounds who support one another in a responsible search for meaning and truth. Unitarian Universalists come together to celebrate the core unifying elements of the world’s religions, humanism, philosophy, and science, respecting the inherent dignity of every person.

Come, nurture your spirit in free discourse, song, and prayer or meditation. Come, offer your children the opportunity to explore values and develop their personal moral structure and spiritual path. Put your values to work through volunteer opportunities to serve others, advocate for social justice, and care for our beloved planet. Come, reconnect with your spiritual side on your own terms, and in the loving and mindful embrace of community.

Welcome! Bienvenue!

LIGHTING THE CHALICE - Karin Holm

As we light our chalice this morning, we rekindle the spirit of living meaning. We celebrate by the warmth of its fire the depth and breadth of our community spirit.

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN -- Reva Gutnick

(As Chanukah falls on Thanksgiving this year, we will use a menorah!)

SINGING THE CHILDREN OFF - Karin

Go now in peace, Go now in joy.
May the spirit of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

FELLOWSHIP SONG -- “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade (See insert)

SERMON – “Mindful Gratitude,” by Aneta Wierzynska

CHILDREN’S PLAY – “Thanksgiving from a Native American Perspective”
written by Marie Pejic, played by the children...

Song: “My Paddle”

OFFERING – Scott Andersen

Offering will go to the International Red Cross in support of their efforts to support the Philippine survivors of the Philippine Typhoon.

OFFERATORY SONG: “What a Wonderful World” (See insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Aneta

CLOSING SONG – “You Raise Me Up” by Josh Groban (See insert)

CLOSING WORDS – Karin

“Seasonal Transitions” by Rev. Andrew Pakula (Unitarian churches in north London)



OPENING SONG – “Lucky Man” (Montgomery Gents)

I have days where I hate my job
This little town and the whole world too
Last Sunday when the stores were closed
Lord it put me in a bad mood
I have moments when I curse the rain
Then complain when the sun's too hot
I look around at what everyone has
And I forget about all I've got

REFRAIN:

But I know I'm a lucky man
God's given me a pretty fair hand
Got a house and a piece of land
A few dollars in a coffee can
My old trucks still running good
My ticker's ticking like they say it should
I got supper in the oven, a good woman's loving
And one more day to be my little kid's dad
Lord, knows I'm a lucky man

Got some friends who would be here fast
I could call em any time of day
Got a brother who's got my back
Got a mama who I swears a saint
Got a brand new rod and reel
Got a few weeks off this year
Dad had a close call last spring
It's a miracle he's still here

FELLOWSHIP SONG – “Spirit of Life” by Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come onto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me!

Sour-ce de vie, viens com-ble moi,
Chante dans mon cœur tous les sentiments de grâ-ce.
Souffle dans le vent, vogue sur la mer,
Coule dans mes mains, vie d'espoir et de justi-ce.
Ter-re nourris moi, ciel emporte moi,
Sour-ce de vie, viens vers moi, viens vers moi.

CHILDREN'S SONG "The Paddle Song, Dip Dip and Swing" by Margaret
"Embers" McGee

My paddle's keen and bright,
Flashing like silver,
Follow the wild goose flight,
Dip, dip and swing.

OFFERATORY SONG -- "What a Wonderful World" (George David Weiss)

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom, for me and you,
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

I see skies of blue and clouds of white,
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night,
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people goin' by
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know,
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world!
Yes I think to myself, what a wonderful world...

CLOSING SONG: "You Raise Me Up" (Josh Groban)

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

REFRAIN:

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;
You raise me up... To more than I can be.

There is no life - no life without its hunger;
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly;
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.