Sunday Worship Service

November 24, 2013 at * 9:30 and **11:30 a.m.

Today's flowers are given by the Unitarian Universalist Women's Steering Committee for George and Louise Klinke in honor of Louise's parents, Richard and Nancy DeLobal.

Centering Thought

"If the only prayer you ever say is 'Thank you,' that will suffice."
— Meister Eckhart

Gathering Bell Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube, *Lead Minister*

Opening Music **"Yonder Come Day"**
— Judith Cook Tucker, arr. Clif Hardin
JUUL Tones Vocal Ensemble
Andrea Newall, *Director*

Opening Words Michael Chu, *Worship Associate*

Church Hymn *(words in English and Spanish on screen)*

Church Aspiration and Kindling of the Chalice

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song **# 68 "Come, Ye Thankful People"**
Gabriel Brinton, *song leader*

Children's Affirmation Liz Jones, *Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry*

Music **"Advent Celebration"** — Bill Ingram
Las Campanas Handbell Ensemble
Ken Herman, *Director of Music/Organist*

Reading **A Hassidic Tale**

Special Generosity Offering for Typhoon Haiyan Relief

Music **"Fall Meditation"**
— Shape-note Hymn, arr. Kevin McChesney

Meditation Song **# 1010 "We Give Thanks"**

Meditation

Music **"May I Suggest"** — Susan Werner
Andrea Newall, *vocalist*

Message **"If Your Only Prayer is 'Thank You' . . . "**
Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube, *Lead Minister*

Closing Song **# 67 "We Sing Now Together"**

Blessing

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude **Organ Concerto on the Chorale**
"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"
— Robert A. Hobby

** *Our Sign Language Interpreter is Paul Lambert.*

Church Hymn

From all who dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth, and good be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

De todos bajo el gran sol
Surja esper‿anza fe, amor
Verdad, y‿belleza cantando,
De cada tierra, cada voz.

Church Aspiration

May love be the spirit of this church,
May the quest for truth be its sacrament,
And service be its prayer
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
And to help one another in fellowship,
This is our Aspiration.

El amor es la doctrina de esta iglesia,
La búsqueda de la verdad es su sacramento
Y el servicio es su oración.
Habitar juntos en paz,
Buscar la verdad con libertad,
Y servir a la humanidad juntos,
Esto es lo que pactamos unos con otros.

To hear today's and previous sermons online, scan this QR code.

Announcements

Rev. Kathleen is away on study leave and then vacation. She will be back in the Church office on December 3 (Tuesday).

Generosity Offering for the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund
This Sunday, November 24, our Generosity Offering is being received in support of families who have been impacted by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The offering will be distributed by the UU Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association Joint Fund.

Young Adult and Campus Ministry Exam Care Packages
Do you have a student away at college or a student in college in San Diego? Are you a student? Please stop by the Young Adult and Campus Ministry table to give that information to Alice King. Exams are coming up and we like to send students a little something to show we care. And the students love it! Thanks.

Christmas Day Potluck
December 25 (Wednesday) from 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bard Hall
Please join us on Christmas Day for a festive community potluck. All are welcome! To help or RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Bukey, Intern Minister at 619-298-9978, ext. 219. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the patio at the Hillcrest Campus between services.

Sunday, November 24

Pagan Conversation – This Month's Theme is Democracy
November 24 (Sunday) at 11 a.m., Room 323
This is an easy and friendly way to get to know Unitarian Universalists who are walking the Pagan Path. Share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded, liberal, and affirming people. So many are solitary practitioners…it's a warm and welcoming thing to be able to explore and develop your spiritual identity in community. Three will not be a Pagan Conversation in December.

Making Your Own UUSC Guest at Your Table (GAYT) Box Today
Learn about our guests fighting for asylum, working for gender equality, eco-gardening in Haiti. http://www.uusc.org/guest/2013-2014/myguests. Join the artistic fun at 2 tables, next to the Social Justice Table and within Bard Hall. Stories of Hope booklets/bookmarks can be picked up at the table or read online. For those not making boxes, envelopes will be provided within our Services. Boxes and envelopes can be returned during our Christmas Eve Services. Thank you from your guests receiving UUSC program support.

UU Christian Study Group "The Multiplicities of Jesuses"
November 24 (Sunday) at 1 p.m., Room 321
After 2000 years of telling the story, there are many Jesuses from the conservative and fundamentalist to the liberal, progressive and mystical. Our UU Christian Study Group will examine five of these interpretations of Jesus and how they work or don't work for us the 21st Century.

UU Humanist Study/Discussion Group
November 24 (Sunday) at 1 p.m., Room 323
This month's documentary topic is "What and Who Determines the Beginning of Life?" This documentary, narrated by Morgan Freeman, shows the different view-points between scientists and some religious leaders. Join us for a challenging topic.

New Neighborhood Group for Allied Gardens, Mission and Fashion Valley
November 24 (Sunday) at 4 p.m., Bonnie Sattler's Home
Live in the Allied Gardens, Mission Valley, or Fashion Valley area? Please join us for fun and fellowship. Contact Bonnie Sattler at 619-508-3607 for more information or to RSVP.

Monday, November 25

Monday Evening Meditation Sangha

Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Room 323

All are welcome for a silent sitting meditation from 7 to 7:20 p.m., followed by an open discussion of our meditation or practice. The remainder of the time will be focused on a recorded dharma talk and discussion. For more information, please e-mail John Holl or call 619-546-6525.

UU Men's Fellowship

November 25 (Monday) from 7 to 9 p.m., Bard Hall

The UUMF will hold its regular fourth Monday potluck followed by the program. The discussion will focus on gratitude. Check the calendar on our website for other events.

Wednesday, November 27

Wednesday Morning Meditation Sangha

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Room 323

All are welcome for a silent sitting meditation from 10 to 10:40 a.m., followed by a discussion of practice. The remainder of the time will be focused on a recorded dharma talk and discussion. For more information, please contact John Holl at 619-546-6525.

Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service and Potluck

November 27 (Wednesday) Service at 5:30 p.m., Meeting House

Potluck at 6:30 p.m., Bard Hall

Join us for our traditional Thanksgiving Eve communion service followed by a holiday potluck. Please bring dishes to accompany the Turkey being generously provided by Kay Thompson and Nancy Bradford. You may drop your food in Bard Hall on the way to the service. This is an opportunity for us to worship and celebrate together as a community of all ages!

Thursday, November 28

The First Church Office will be Closed on Thanksgiving Day and on November 29 (Friday). The Office will resume normal hours of Operation on December 2 (Monday).

Next Sunday, December 1 and Later

Cosmos: The Great Story with Keith Mesecher

December 1 (first Sundays) from 1 to 3 p.m., Room 323

Celebrate the birth and evolution of the universe and humanity's role in this magnificent, cosmic unfolding; the great powers at work in it and our damage to it. Discover our potential to be a positive, healing and transformative force, living in mutually enhancing relationships with the life and non-life forms that constitute the earth community. There will be no Cosmos gathering in January.

Food Handler Certification Class

December 5 (Thursday) from 6 to 9 p.m., Room 323

We have now scheduled a new food handler classes with a class size limit of 10 people. Upon receiving a passing grade of 70% or better, Chef Ray Evans, our Supervising Food Safety Kitchen Manager can issue the participant with a Food Handler Certification that is only good for working at our site. The classes are free. Please RSVP to Robie Evans, Director of Operations at 619-398-4433