



# The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

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One: Some beliefs are like shadows, clouding children's days and fears of unknown calamities.

**All: Other beliefs are like sunshine, blessing children with the warmth of happiness.**

One: Some beliefs are divisive, separating the saved from the unsaved, friends from enemies.

**All: Other beliefs are bonds in a world community, where sincere differences beautify the pattern.**

One: Some beliefs are like blinders, shutting off the power to choose one's own direction.

**All: Other beliefs are like gateways opening wide vistas for exploration.**

One: Some beliefs weaken a person's selfhood. They blight the growth of resourcefulness.

**All: Other beliefs nurture self-confidence and enrich the feeling of personal worth.**

One: Some beliefs are rigid, like the body of death, impotent in a changing world.

**All: Other beliefs are pliable, like the young sapling, ever growing with the upward thrust of life.**

—Sophia Lyon Fahs

**\* Sung Affirmation (Hymn Tune No. 372)**

TALLIS' CANON

From all that dwell below the skies; let songs of hope and faith arise;  
Let peace, good will on earth be sung through every land, by every tongue.

De todos bajo el gran sol; surja esperanza, fe, amor;  
verdad, y belleza cantando, de cada tierra, cada voz. *Amen.*

**Welcome**

**Song for Centering: (Hymn Tune No. 123)**

SPIRIT OF LIFE

Spirit of Life, come unto 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.

**Prayer – Meditation – Silence**

**Credo**

## Offertory Words

**Offertory:** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing  
(Paul Manz)

**Lesson:** Principles of Liberty  
(J. David Gowdy)

**Music:** Les berceaux  
(Gabriel Faure)

*Along the quay, the great ships,  
that ride the swell in silence,  
take no notice of the cradles.  
that the hands of the women rock.*

*But the day of farewells will come,  
when the women must weep,  
and curious men are tempted  
towards their own liberty!*

*And that day the great ships,  
sailing away from the diminishing port,  
feel their bulk held back  
by the spirits of the distant cradles.*

**Sermon:** Faith of The Larger Liberty...

\* Hymn No. 205: Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

## Benediction

**Postlude:** Psalm 19  
(Benedetto Marcello)

## About Today's Music

**Christine Duncan**, mezzo-soprano and lifelong UU, began singing at age six in the choir of the Unitarian Church in Groton, MA. She spent seven years as a vocal apprentice of the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston, where she continues to work as a member of the administrative staff. She is a 2005 graduate of Connecticut College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music, and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Vocal Performance at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA. Christine is thrilled to be spending the summer in San Francisco, and grateful to be able to share music with this community.