

## **Worship Committee 2023-2024 Annual Report**

Adria Evans, Chair.

Members: Amber Collins, Ann Seemann, Elizabeth Donovan, Kathy Swink, Nancy Richman, Sue Strakosch (plus Rev Denis and Lee Cowan)

We welcomed Elizabeth Donovan onto our committee this year.

UUCSC held 49 Sunday services between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. (No services on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, Christmas, and GA Sunday). Of these, 18 were *officiated* by members of the Worship Committee, and most included invited speakers. Lee Cowan took on some intergenerational services, often with Amber's help. And we had additional unique services totally created by others: Michael Galib's service in March; the music committee's annual service in June. Our services were interesting and diverse: from "Why Anti Racism" to "A Life in Letters," from death to the healing power of nature. Sandra Laub's sermon on "Grappling with Moral Complexity" the day after her powerful one-woman performance and Chris Johnson's description of his work in India are two other unique examples. Three ministers and a storyteller have also spoken at UUCSC this year. In addition, members of Worship (and other congregants) have been on the *bima* (Hebrew for the stage area) throughout the year, working with Rev Denis. Several delivered "Spiritual Reflections."

Once again, Worship (actually Kathy Swink) has been responsible for Virtual Ushers to host our services via zoom. And Nancy Richman has run our in-chapel phone camera when Rev Denis is not present. Special thanks to Jean and Aline, Mary Fulton, and Kathy whose repeated hosting has kept our zoom services available.

We have been fortunate that most speakers, except for the ministers and storyteller, have spoken to us without charge.

Producing our services also includes publicity through the newsletter and the website and organizing the Order of Service for that week.

As of this writing (May, 2024), we have our summer services scheduled. And three of our congregants (Chris Johnson, Nick Smith, & Mac Richardson) have offered to supply our music.

We've also had great support from Rev Denis and Lee Cowan throughout the year.

What we need: A few volunteers as Virtual Ushers at home on zoom, as well as a few folks to set up their phones as cameras. Continued zoom services will require that more folks step up.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Adria Evans, Chair, May 5, 2024**