UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, June 28, 2026
10:30 a.m.

"Lessons from a Tuscan Grasshopper"

To have your joys and sorrows shared aloud, please fill out a card found at the Welcome Table in the entrance lobby, the small table toward the front-right of the Main Hall, or the altar. A silent candle on the altar is always welcome too. If you're online, later you'll be prompted on when to input your message in the chat box.

UUCPA Mission Statement
We gather, our different paths entwined, to deepen our spiritual lives:
Nourishing connection, learning from each other, caring for each other, tending to our world.

Welcome and Announcements **Autri Dutta**

Events today:
UUCPA Summer Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 6/28, 10:30 am
4th Sunday Brunch: Sunday 6/28, 11:15 am, Patio
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing: Sunday 6/28, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room
Growing with intention: how data is helping us welcome and connect: Sunday 6/28, 11:45 am, Fireside Room
This Sunday, June 28, we will be sharing a brief presentation on something the Membership & Growth Committee has been building over the past year: a data-driven approach to welcoming newcomers, staying connected to members, and understanding what makes our small groups thrive.

If you've ever wondered how many first-time visitors return, which groups are most effective at building lasting connections, or how we identify members who may be drifting away — this presentation will give you a clear picture of how we're now tracking and acting on all of it.

It's the 4th Sunday, so please grab your lunch and join us — we'll get started at 11:45am at the Fireside Room.

If you lead a group or activity at UUCPA, we especially hope you'll be there. The presentation includes a section on how group leaders' attendance data contributes to the health of the whole community, and Maricia Scott will close with a short hands-on walkthrough of how to record attendance in Realm — both on the app and on the web. You're welcome to bring your phone.

This Week:
UUCPA Summer Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 7/,5 10:30 am
Thriving Together – A Health & Wellness Group (in-person): Sunday 7/5, 11:45 am, Fireside Room
Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting: Sunday 7/5, 12:00 pm, Room 10
Writing Group: Sunday 7/5, 1:00 pm, Online
Thriving Together – A Health & Wellness Group (Online): Sunday 7/5, 7:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
Forum Tipping points in your life: Sunday 7/5, 8:45 am, Library

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Prelude	Prelude to the Cantata, "*Gottes Zeit*", Bach (arranged for piano solo by Fanny Mendelssohn)	**Thomas Shoebottom**
Centering Words/Chalice Lighting		**Rev. Jeanne Foster**

Song *We Celebrate the Web of Life*, No. 175, in the gray hymnal

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter, 1930-, ©1990 Alicia S. Carpenter Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1560-1616

We celebrate the web of life, its magnitude we sing;
for we can see divinity in every living thing.

A fragment of the perfect whole in cactus and in quail,
as much in tiny barnacle as in the great blue whale.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum; our bones link stone to star,
and bind our future worlds to come with worlds that were and are.

Respect the water, land, and air which gave all creatures birth;
protect the lives of all that share the glory of the earth.

Story for All Ages	*Over and Under Pond* by Kate Messner	**Greg Becker**
Reading	*Company of the Morning* Peter Cooley	**Rev. Jeanne Foster**
Reflection	*Taking Time to Notice*	**Ed Haertel**
Caring and Sharing		**Ed Haertel**
Recommitment & Affirmation		**Ed Haertel**

Song *The Lone, Wild Bird*, No. 15, in the gray hymnal

Words: H.R. MacFayden, 1877-1964 Music: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great spirit come and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep and far-off land.

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Great spirit come and rest in me.

Sermon	*Lessons from a Tuscan Grasshopper*	**Rev. Jeanne Foster**
Offering	*Sarabande* from Cello Suite #4, Bach	**Thomas Shoebottom**

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Song *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*, No. 203, in the gray hymnal

Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226. Music: From Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang, 1623

All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice:

(Chorus)

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light:

(Chorus)

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Embracing earth, you, day by day,
bring forth your blessings on our way,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
let them the glory also show:

(Chorus)

All you of understanding heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless,
and worship God in humbleness:

(Chorus)

Chalice Extinguishing Elizabeth Selle Jones **All**

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Postlude *Allemande* from Cello Suite #1, Bach **Thomas Shoebottom**

Benediction **All**

Go out into the world in peace
Be of good courage
Hold fast to what is good
Return no one evil for evil
Strengthen the faint-hearted
Support the weak
Help the suffering
Rejoice in beauty
Speak love with word and deed
Honor all beings.

Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Special Music: Thomas Shoebottom, cello/piano and hymns

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Guest Speaker: Rev. Jeanne Foster
Jeanne Foster grew up in New Orleans. She is Professor Emerita Saint Mary's College of California and former minister of the Modesto Unitarian Universalist church. She has spoken in pulpits as wide-ranging as London, New Orleans, and San Francisco. She is also a writer and translator of poetry and prose. Her books of poetry are *A Blessing of Safe Travel*, which won the Quarterly Review of Literature Poetry Award; *Goodbye, Silver Sister*; and *Your Form Became My Own*. *Appetite: Food as Metaphor* is an anthology of poems by women. *A Music of Grace* is a critical work, which asks the question, Is there still sacred ground to stand on? She is co-translator of *The Living Theatre: Selected Poems of Bianca Tarozzi*, which won the Northern California Book Award for Poetry in Translation. *Ascoltando una conchiglia*, her selected poems translated into Italian with introduction was published in 2025 by Molesini Editore Venezia.
Worship Associate: Ed Haertel
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Maria Yap, Peninsula Food Runners, https://peninsulafoodrunners.org
Worship tech and online community creation: Allie Becker, Tim Berry, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Stephen Ludington, Kevin Ma, Jesse Schwab.

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