UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, August 24, 2025
10:15 a.m.

To have your joys and sorrows shared aloud, please write them on a card found at the table in the entrance lobby, or up front near the pulpit. A silent candle on the front table is always welcome as well.
If you're online, later you'll be prompted on when to input your message in the Zoom chat box.

Welcome and Announcements **Gary Rosin**

Events today:
UUCPA Summer Sunday School for All AgesSunday, 8/24 10:15 am
ALJ Class: Love at the Center of UU Theologizing Sunday, 8/24 11:45 am, Fireside Room
4th Sunday BrunchSunday, 8/24 11:15 am, Patio
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing Sunday, 8/24 2:00 pm, Fireside Room

This Week:
Weekly DRUUMM CA Meetings Monday, 8/25 6:00 pm, Online
Resonant Reading Wednesday, 8/27 12:00 pm, Online
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 8/30 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading Saturday, 8/30 4:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
Water Communion Sunday Service & All Church Picnic After Service, Sunday, Sept 7th, 10:15am

Prelude *Hymn to Freedom*, Oscar Peterson **Libby Kardontchik**

Chalice Lighting *Beacon,* Gary S. Rosin **Gary Rosin**

Centering Words **Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson**

Opening Hymn Morning Has Come, No. 397, in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Traditional Round

Morning has come. Night is away.
Rise with the sun and welcome the day.

Story for All Ages *The Faithful Gardener* **Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson**

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Song *Earth Was Given as a Garden* No. 207 in the gray hymnal

Words: Roberta Bard, 1940-, © 1992 Roberta Bard Ruby Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1887

Earth was given as a garden, cradle for humanity;
tree of life and tree of knowledge placed for our discovery.
Here was home for all your creatures born of land and sky and sea;
all created in your image, all to live in harmony.

Show to us again the garden where all life flows fresh and free.
Gently guide your sons and daughters into full maturity.
Teach us how to trust each other, how to use for good our power,
how to touch the earth with rev'rence. Then once more will Eden flower.

Bless the earth and all your children, one creation: make us whole,
interwoven, all connected, planet wide and inmost soul.
Holy mother, life bestowing, bid our waste and warfare cease.
Fill us all with grace o'erflowing. Teach us how to live in peace,

All who are going to Children and Youth Religious Education sing along in their places
until the last verse, when they leave for CYRE via the lobby

Caring and Sharing **Gary Rosin**

Reflective Hymn *The Lone, Wild Bird* No.15 in the grey 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.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great spirit come and rest in me.

Reading *Cecil Takes a Stand*, Rebecca Parker

Musical Interlude

Sermon *Saving the Souls of Churches and Nations* **Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson**

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Offering *Here Comes the Sun,* George Harrison **Libby Kardontchik**

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Song *Soon the Day Will Arrive*, No 146 in the gray hymnal
Words: Ehud Manor, 20th cent. Music: Nurit Hirsch, 20th cent.

Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,
and no longer will we live in fear.
And the children will smile without wondering whether
on that day thunderclouds will appear.

(Chorus)
Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.
Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.

Some have dreamed, some have died to make a bright tomorrow,
and our vision remains in our hearts.
Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in sorrow,
and a promise to make a new start
(Chorus)

Chalice Extinguishing *Carrying the Light, Gary S. Rosin* **Gary Rosin**

Postlude *Overture to La Gazza Ladra*, Gioacchino Rossini **Libby Kardontchik**

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

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Rejoice in beauty
Speak love with word and deed
Honor all beings.

Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Special music: Libby Kardonchik, piano
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson Before retiring, Jay was a UU minister for 32 years, most recently in Studio City (12 years) and Davis (13), also serving as adjunct faculty of our UU seminaries in Chicago (Meadville Lombard) and Berkeley (Starr King). Earlier, he did research in nuclear physics for 11 years. Currently, he is a Research Scholar at Starr King with a focus on UU history.
Worship Associate: Gary Rosin
Social Justice Partner of the Month: There With Care, info@therewithcare.org
Worship tech and online community creation: Tim Berry, Byron Brown, Kay Brown, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Steve Ludington, Kevin Ma, William Phelps, Jesse Schwab, Ann Zeise.

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