UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, August 23, 2026
10:30 a.m.

"The Two Sides of Kerouac's—and Our—Road"

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 **Jan Rosin**

Events today:
Religious Education Begins Sunday: 8/23, 10:30 am,
4th Sunday Brunch: Sunday 8/23, 11:15 am, Patio
Younger Adult Group: Sunday 8/23, 12:00 pm, Room 10
South Bay Interfaith Climate Justice Summit: Sunday 8/23, 1:00 pm, 1st UU Church of San Jose
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing: Sunday 8/23, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room

This Week:
Resonant Reading: Wednesday 8/26, 12:00 pm, OnLine
Saturday Meditation: Saturday 8/29, 9:00 am, OnLine
Resonant Reading: Saturday 8/29, 4:00 pm, OnLine
Sunday Service – Water Communion: Sunday 8/30, 10:30 am, Main Hall & Online
What's Our Whole Lives and Why Should You Enroll Your 7th-9th Grader: Sunday 8/30, 11:45 am
Younger Adult Group: Sunday 8/30, 12:00 pm, Room 10
Harmonic Circle: Sunday 8/30, 1:00 pm, McFadden Patio

Selected Upcoming Events:
UUCPA Choir Rehearsals Begin: Thursday, 8/27, 7:00 pm, Main Hall

Prelude *Summertime,* George Gershwin & DuBose Heyward **Larry Chinn, Le Perez**

Centering Words:
Somewhere along the way I knew I would find the pearl…nobody knows what's going to happen to anybody but the forlorn rags of growing old

from *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac

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Chalice Lighting:
We light this chalice for the value of connection.

Our interconnectedness calls us to care for others even when it is difficult for ourselves. May the light of this flame remind us that there is no easy way for each of us to be on a path: It may get bumpy but our paths all connect to each other to do what is called of us.

May it be so.
By Matthew Esko

Song *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In,* No. 361 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Louise Ruspini © 1992 UUA

Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song…

Open your hearts ev'ryone…

Don't be afraid of some change…

Enter, rejoice, and come in…

Story for All Ages When Amelia Earhart Built a Roller Coaster, Mark Weakland **Rev. Cat Boyle**

Reading From *The Gospel According to Jack* **Rev. Steve Edington**

Caring and Sharing

Reading From *The Gospel According to Jack*

Song *Spirit of Life*, No. 123 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Carolyn McDade 1935-, ©1981 Carolyn McDade

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.

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Sermon	*Jack Kerouac's Roads…And Ours*	**Rev. Steve Edington**
Offering	Feeling Good, Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse	**Larry Chinn, Le Perez**

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Thank you!

Song *With Joy We Claim the Growing Light* No. 345 in the gray hymnal
Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892. Music: Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690, adapt.

With joy we claim the growing light,
advancing thought, and widening view,
the larger freedom, clearer sight,
which from the old unfold the new.

With wider view, come loftier goal;
with fuller light, more good to see;
with freedom, truer self-control;
with knowledge, deeper reverence be.

Chalice Extinguishing
Our chalice extinguishing words today come from Craig Rowland. Please say them together:
We go forward not alone, but as companions in covenant, tending to the common good with hope, with humor, and with heart.

Postlude	*When You're Smiling*, Larry Shay, Mark Fisher & Joe Goodwin	**Larry Chinn, Le Perez**
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

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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: Larry Chinn, piano & Le Perez, soloist
Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Edington is the Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, New Hampshire. He has spoken at several summer services at UUCPA, some of them about other books he's published: *The Beat Face of God, The Spirituality of Woody Guthrie,* and *God is Not God's Name—A Journey Beyond Words*
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Day Worker Center of Mountain View
https://www.dayworkercentermv.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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