

Sunday, September 15, 2024
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

**Rev. Amy Zucker
Morgenstern**

Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers! Welcome to UUCPA! We're glad you're here. We want to get to know you and share the gift of Unitarian Universalism. In this 4-week group, we'll practice deep listening, share our own values and histories, and explore all that UUCPA offers. Our curriculum is called "Starting Point," and each session features readings, sharing circles, and discussion. We'll have yummy snacks and optional homework. We look forward to being together. Brooke Bishara is the facilitator and we'll meet in Room 6 on four Tuesdays: October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7-9 pm. To sign up or ask questions, email brooke_b@uucpa.org, or call the church office (650-494-0541).

Registration is open for Religious Education and Our Whole Lives this 2024-25 church year. If you haven't registered yet, please do so [here](#). Offerings include preschool-high school, Coming of Age (12-16 year olds), OWL 7-9 and K-1.

Events today:

Sunday School for children and youth preK through grade 8 – Children's Chapel:
Activity Fair 11:15 am, grassy area behind Fireside Room
Spiritual Adventures in Parenting 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Harmonic Circle 1:00 pm, Room 4-5 or McFadden Patio

This Week:

Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 9/16 10:00 am
Sacred Text Reading Group (Wed.) The World as Meditation - Stevens Wednesday, 9/18 12:00 pm,
Leah Rothstein in conversation with Prof. Margalynne Armstrong "Challenging Segregation With Just Action" Wednesday, 9/18 7:00 pm, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Sci-Fi / Fantasy Discussion Group Brazil, the 1985 movie Wednesday, 9/18 7:00 pm
Neighboring Faith Communities for Adults – Wednesday Class Wednesday, 9/18 7:30 pm, Library

Selected Upcoming Events:

Saturday Meditation Saturday, 9/21 9:00 am, Online
Sacred Text Reading Group (Saturday) Saturday, 9/21 4:00 pm, Online
Autumn Equinox Celebration Saturday, 9/21 4:30 pm, UUCPA
All Ages Game Night Saturday, 9/21 6:00 pm, Room 4/5
Neighboring Faiths Visit UU Fellowship of Redwood City Sunday, 9/22 8:00 am
Forum Guide for US Senate campaign contributions Sunday, 9/22 8:30 am, Library

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Prelude	<i>You've Got A Friend</i> , Carole King	Brother Khalil
Chalice Lighting	Rebecca A. Edmiston-Lange	
Centering Words	Louise Erdrich	
Story for All Ages	<i>Yellow Time</i> , Lauren Stringer	Rev. Cat Boyle with Love, the Jetpig
Song	<i>Spirit of Life</i> , 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.

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

Recommitment & Affirmation

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

Pluralism: We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.

Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.

Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

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Our Praise We Give, No. 294 in the gray hymnal

Words: John Coleman Adams, 1849-1922. Music: Percy Carter Buck, 1871-1947, ©Oxford University Press

Our praise we give for harvests earned,
the fruits of labor garnered in;
but praise we more the soil unturned
from which the yield is yet to win.

Our praise we give for harbor's lee,
for moorings safe in waters still;
but more the leagues of open sea,
where favoring gales our canvas fill.

Our praise we give for journey's end,
the inn, all warmth and light and cheer;
but more for length'ning roads that wend
through dust and heat and hilltops clear.

Reading

Independence Day Speech at New Harmony, Frances Wright

It is to one particular feature in our political institutions that I would call a attention, and this, because it is at once the most deserving of notice, and the least noticed. Are our institutions better than those of other countries? Upon fair examination most men will answer yes. But why will they so answer? It is because they are republican, instead of monarchical? Democratic, rather than aristocratic? . . . [T]here is another and a better reason than these. . . . I mean — and some devout patriots will start — I mean the principle of change.

I have used a word to which is attached an obnoxious meaning. Speak of change, and the world is in alarm. And yet where do we not see change? What is there in the physical world but change? And what would there be in the moral world without change? The flower blossoms, the fruit ripens, the seed is received and germinates in the earth, and and we behold the tree. The aliment we eat to satisfy our hunger incorporates with our frame, and the atoms composing our existence to day, are exhaled to morrow. In like manner our feelings and opinions are moulded by circumstance, and matured by observation and experience. All is change. Within and about us no one thing is as it was, or will be as it is. Strange, then, that we should start at a word used to signify a thing so familiar? Stranger yet that we should fail to appreciate a principle which, inherent in all matter, is no less inherent in ourselves; and which as it has tracked our mental progress heretofore, so will it track our progress through time to come.

But will it be said change has a bad, as well as a good sense? It may be for the better, and it may be for the worse? In the physical world it can be neither the one nor the other. It can be simply such as it is. But in the moral world — that is, in the thoughts, and feelings, and inventions of men, change may certainly be either for the better or for the worse, or it may be for neither. . . . Where men then are free to consult experience they will correct their practice, and make changes for the better. It follows, therefore, that the more free men are, the more changes they will make. In the beginning, possibly, for the worse; but most certainly in time for the better; until their knowledge enlarging by observation, and their judgment strengthening by exercise, they will find themselves in the straight, broad, fair road of improvement. Out of change, therefore, springs improvement; and the people who shall have imagined a peaceable mode of changing their institutions, hold a surety for their melioration. This surety is worth all other excellences. Better were the prospects of a people under the influence

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of the worst government who should hold the power of changing it, that those of a people under the best who should hold no such power.

Anthem	<i>Dance, Dance My Heart</i> , Diemer	UUCPA Adult Choir
Sermon	<i>The Only Lasting Truth</i>	Amy Morgenstern
Offering	<i>Peace</i> , Horace Silver	Brother Khalil

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Thank you!

Song

Building a New Way, No. 1017 in the teal hymnal
Words & Music: Martha Sandefer, 1952 -, ©1986 Martha Sandefer

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
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Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Peace and freedom is our cry,
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

Chalice Extinguishing & Sung Benediction

UUCPA Adult Choir

Postlude

That's The Way Of The World, Earth Wind and Fire

Brother Khalil

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: Brother Khalil, jazz guitar

Social Justice Partner of the Month: Hotel de Zink

Ushers & Greeters: TBA

Worship tech and online community creation: Tim Berry, Byron Brown, Kay Brown, Heather Chen, Kristi Iverson, Paul Kostka, Steve Ludington, Kevin Ma, William Phelps, Pamela Schure, Jesse Schwab, Ann Zeise.

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