UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**
**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. Cat Boyle**

**Today:**
Annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale Sunday, 12/17 11:15 am, Lobby
Adult OWL Sunday, 12/17 11:30 am , Room 10
Spiritual Adventures In Parenting Sunday, 12/17 11:30 am
Harmonic Circle Sunday, 12/17 1:00 pm , Room 4-5
Senior High Youth Group – SHYG Sunday, 12/17 6:30 pm, UUCPA

**This Week:**
Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 12/18 10:00 am , UUCPA
Sacred Text Reading Group (Wed.) Wednesday, 12/20 12:00 pm ,
By Your Side Singers (3rd Wednesdays) Wednesday, 12/20 7:30 pm , Room 4/5
Winter Solstice Service Thursday, 12/21 7:00 pm , Main Hall
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 12/23 9:00 am
Sacred Text Reading Group (Saturday) Saturday, 12/23 4:00 pm

**Upcoming:**
Forum Memorable Holiday Traditions, Activities and Events Sunday, 12/24 8:30 am, Library
Christmas Eve Morning Service Sunday, 12/24 10:15 am, Main Hall & Online
Christmas Eve, No Sunday School
4th Sunday Brunch Sunday, 12/24 11:15 am, Patio
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing Sunday, 12/24 1:00 pm, McFadden Patio
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, 12/24 6:30 pm, Main Hall
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, 12/24 8:00 pm, Main Hall

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| **Prelude** | *Night of Silence*, Kantor | **UUCPA Adult Choir** |
| **Chalice Lighting** | *How Far to Bethlehem,* Madeline S. Miller | **Rev. Cat Boyle** |
| **Centering Words** | *Wisdom*, Robert Hawkes | **Joe Bailey** |
| **Song** | *Light One Candle,* No. 221 in the gray hymnal | |

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Light one candle for the Maccabee children with thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured when their right to exist was denied.

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Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand.
But light one candle for the wisdom to know when the peacemaker's time is at hand.

(Chorus)
Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suff'ring the pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in, that anger won't tear us apart.
And light one candle to bring us together with peace as the song in our heart.

(Chorus)

What is the mem'ry that's valued so highly we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died when we cry out they've not died in vain?
Have we come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail?
This is the burden and this is the promise and this is why we will not fail.

(Chorus)

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| **The Hanukkah Story** | | **Rev. Cat and Joe Bailey** |
| **Offering** | *Durme, Durme*, trad. arranged Eddleman | **UUCPA Adult Choir** |

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*Thank you!*

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| **Reading** | *A Christmas Spider's Tale,* Trinka Hakes Noble | |
| **Song** | *Jingle Bells* | |
| **Movement Meditation** | | |
| **No Rehearsal Pageant** | | **UUCPA** |
| **Anthem** | *Gesù Bambino*, Yon | **UUCPA Adult Choir** |

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| **Chalice Extinguishing** | | |
| **Sung Benediction** | | **UUCPA Adult Choir** |
| **Postlude** | *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*, trad. arr. Campbell | **UUCPA Adult Choir** |
| **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**

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**Music Director:** Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
**Special music:** UUCPA Adult Choir
**Social Justice Partner:** Acterra, Michelle Kim
**Ushers & Greeters:** Mike McLaughlin, Jeralyn Moran
**Worship tech and online community creation:** Tim Berry, Byron Brown, Kay Brown, Heather Chen, Bill Hilton, Kristi Iverson, Paul Kostka, Steve Ludington, Kevin Ma, William Phelps, Pamela Schure, Jesse Schwab, Ann Zeise.

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*Parish Minister:* Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern, parishmin@uucpa.org, x26 calendly.com/amyzm for appts

(Please note that Rev. Amy is on sabbatical leave until 1/7/24)

*Sabbatical Minister* (through 12/31/23): Rev. Peter Farriday, pfarriday@uucpa.org, x26

*Minister of Religious Education:* Rev. Catherine Boyle, revcat@uucpa.org, x28

*Community Minister:* Rev. Jen Dillinger, dillinger@gmail.com

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*Music Director:* Bruce Olstad, bruceolstad@gmail.com

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