UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, August 31, 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 **Richard Heydt, Barbara Saxton**

Events today:
UUCPA Summer Sunday School 8/31 10:15 am, Child Care Available

This Week:
Weekly DRUUMM CA Meetings Monday, 9/1 6:00 pm
First Monday Film Discussion Group Monday, 9/1 6:30 pm, Online
Brown Bag Books Tuesday, 9/2 12:00 pm, Online
Resonant Reading Wednesday, 9/3 12:00 pm, Online
By Your Side Singers Wednesday, 9/3 7:30 pm, Room ⅘
Campus Workday Saturday, 9/6 9:00 am, UUCPA
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 9/6 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading Saturday, 9/6 4:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
Forum, TBA Sunday, 9/7 8:30 am, Library
Action Council Meeting Sunday, 9/7 11:30 am, Room 9
Water Communion Sunday Service & All Church Picnic After Service, Sunday, Sept 7th, 10:15am

Prelude	*First Loss*, Schumann	**Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**
Chalice Lighting	Dag Hammerskjold	**Barbara Saxton**
Centering Words	William F. Schulz	**Richard Heydt**
Story for All Ages	*Flashlight*, Lizi Boyd	**Richard Heydt**

Song *This Little Light of Mine No. 118 in the gray hymnal*
Words & Music: African-American Spiritual, c. 1750-1875

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine…

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Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine…

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		**Richard Heydt** **Barbara Saxton**
Reading	Short poems by Ogden Nash and Dixon Lanier Merritt	**Barbara Saxton**
Reflection	Power of Compassionate Thinking	**Barbara Saxton**
Song	*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* No 34 in the gray hymnal Words: Hal Hopson, 1933- ©1972 Hope Publishing Music: Trad. English Melody © 1972 Hope Publishing	

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Sermon	Looking for Yourself	**Richard Heydt**
Offering	*Illusion*, Grieg	**Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**

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Thank you!

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Song *I Wish I Knew How* No. 151 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas ©1992 UUA

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free.
I wish I could break all these chains holding me.
I wish I could say all the things I could say,
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.

I wish I could share all the love in my heart,
remove all the bars that still keep us apart.
I wish you could know what it means to be me,
then you'd see and agree everyone should be free.
Then you'd see, and agree everyone should be free.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give.
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.
I wish I could do all the things I can do,
though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea,
then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.

Chalice Extinguishing *Love is the Spirit of This Church*, James Vila Blake **Richard Heydt**

Postlude *Mazurka* op 24, nr 3, Chopin **Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**

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.

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Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Guest Speaker: UUCPA Member, Richard Heydt
Worship Associate: Barbara Saxton
Social Justice Partner of the Month: There With Care, info@therewithcare.org Lorraine Michelle
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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