UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, February 2, 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:
Action Council Meeting Sunday, 2/2 11:30 am, Room 9
Judean Village CYRE Spring Project Interest Meeeting, 2/2, 11:30 am, Room A
Living with Chronic Pain Sunday, 2/2 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers Sunday, 2/2 11:30 am, Room 6
Writing Group Sunday, 2/2 1:00 pm, Online
OWL Grades 7-9 Sunday, 2/2 1:30 pm

This Week:
Menlo Park Film Discussion Group Monday, 2/3 6:30 pm, Online
Brown Bag Books Tuesday, 2/4 12:00 pm, Online
Resonant Reading Wednesday, 2/5 12:00 pm, Online
By Your Side Singers Wednesday, 2/5 7:30 pm, Room 4/5
Membership and Growth Committee Meeting Thursday, 2/6 6:30 pm
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 2/8 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading Saturday, 2/8 4:00 pm, Online

Do you enjoy putting on a party? The Stewardship Committee is planning two festive lunches for the beginning and end of Stewardship Week, March 2 and March 9. If you can help with food prep, setup, cleanup, or decorating, please email stewardship@uucpa.org. Many hands make light work and lots of fun!

Interested in how we support the services with audio and video, stream them on Zoom and Facebook, and post on Youtube? Come and join the Worship Tech A/V Committee for our first official meeting since the Covid pandemic, today at 11:30. We'll meet in person at the audio console at the rear of the main hall, and on Zoom: Meeting ID: 933 4345 5354 . As an added incentive we'll be giving away 9V rechargeable NiMH batteries that turned out to have insufficient mAh capacity for our wireless microphones. Hope to see you there!

Prelude	*Of Far Away Countries and People* (from *Kinderszenen*) (R. Schumann)	**Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**
Chalice Lighting	*Keepers of the Flame,* Gary Rosin	**Gary Rosin**
Centering Words	Bishop Ken Unterer	**Gary Rosin**
The Story of Imbolc		**Rev. Cat Boyle**

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Song *The Human Touch Can Light the Flame,* No. 307 in the gray hymnal

Words: John Andrew Storey, 1935- Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr, 1923-1979 © 1962 Theodore Presser Co.

The human touch can light the flame
which gives a brightness to the day,
the spirit uses mortal flame,
life's vehicle for work and play.

The lover's kiss, the friend's embrace,
the clasp of hands to show we care,
the light of welcome on the face
are treasured moments all can share.

May all who come within our reach
be kindled by our inner glow,
not just in spirit's words we preach,
in human touch love's faith we show.

Caring and Sharing		**Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern**
The Story of the Flaming Chalice		**Amy Morgenstern**
Offering	*Daydream* and *By The Fire* (from *Kinderszenen*) (R. Schumann)	**Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**

You can give via credit card or Paypal at www.uucpa.org/connection/donate
or send the text message "uucpajustice" to the number 44321.
For payments towards your annual pledge, use "uucpa20242025."

Thank you!

Reflection	*Shaping the Flame*	**Gary Rosin**
Interlude	*I Am That Great and Fiery Force* words: Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) music: Josquin des Prés (c. 1450–1521)	**Mayo Tsuzuki**
Reading	*Witness of That Light,* Jan Richardson	**Cat Boyle**
Anthem	*Season of Light* (Narverud)	**UUCPA Adult Choir**

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Reading *Sunrise,* Mary Oliver **Amy Morgenstern**

Keepers of the Flame **All**

Before you go up to light your candle, hold in your heart these questions: What is a flame I have been given to keep? What am I doing to keep it burning? How can I pass it on?

Light your candle as if it is that flame.

When you return to your seat, please write your answers (or a shorthand version of them) on the sticker you've been given, and put it where others will be able to see it during conversations after the service, such as next to your nametag.

Song *The Fire of Commitment,* No. 1028 in the teal hymnal

Words: Mary Katherine Morn, 1961- and Jason Shelton, 1972- Music: Jason Shelton, 1972-, ©2001 Jason Shelton

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

Chalice Extinguishing after John Murray **Amy Morgenstern**

Sung Benediction **UUCPA Adult Choir**

Postlude *Scherzo* (from *Carnaval de Vienne*) **Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**
(R. Schumann)

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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
Worship Associate: Gary Rosin
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ), surj.org, Deborah St. Julien
Worship tech and online community creation: Tim Berry, Byron Brown, Kay Brown, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Steve Ludington, Kevin Ma, William Phelps, Pamela Schure, Jesse Schwab, Ann Zeise.

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