UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, July 26, 2026
10:30 a.m.

"Connections"

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 **Steve Ludington**

Events today:
UUCPA Summer Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 7/26, 10:30 am
4th Sunday Brunch: Sunday 7/26, 11:15 am, Patio
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing: Sunday 7/26, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room

This Week:
Resonant Reading: Wednesday 7/29, 12:00 pm, Online
Campus Workday: Saturday 8/1, 9:00 am
Saturday Meditation: Saturday 8/1, 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading: Saturday 8/1, 4:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
Forum: Sunday 8/2, 8:45 am, Library
Sunday Service: Sunday 8/2, 10:30 am, UUCPA Main Hall & Online
UUCPA Summer Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 8/2, 10:30 am
UUCPA Thriving Together – A Wellness Support Group (in-person) Sunday 8/2, 11:45 am, Fireside Room
Writing Group: Sunday 8/2, 1:00 pm, Online
Thriving Together – A Health & Wellness Support Group: Sunday 8/2, 7:00 pm, Online

Prelude *The Things We Did Last Summer* **Larry Chinn**
Jule Styne & Sammy Cahn

Centering Words/Chalice Lighting To be of Use, No. 567 in gray hymnal **Jane Correia**
by Marge Pearcy

Song Come, Sing a Song with Me, No. 346 in gray hymnal
Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, 1935-, ©1976 Surtsey Publications Co.

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,

that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)
And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Caring and Sharing **Jane Correia**

Offering *The Summer Knows* **Larry Chinn**
Michel Legrand with Marilyn & Alan Bergman

You can give via credit card or Paypal at www.uucpa.org/connection/donate
or send the text message "uucpaoffering" to the number 44321.
For payments towards your annual pledge, use "uucpa20252026."

Thank you!

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Invitation to Small Groups **Kristi Iverson**

Small Group Meetings

Please see descriptions of groups at the end of the Order of Service.

In Person Groups

Political Advocacy	Fireside Room
Craft Kit Bags	Rooms 4-5
All Ages Charades	Lawn behind the Fireside Room
Harmonic Circle	McFadden Patio
Meditation	Room 6
Chalice Circle	Room A

Online Groups

Resonant Reading	Breakout Room 1
Chalice Circle	Breakout Room 2
General Discussion	Main Zoom Room
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Chalice Extinguishing and Ringing of Patio Bell **Jane Correia**

Benediction **All, in groups with leaders**

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: Larry Chinn,piano
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action (PICA)
https://www.interfaithpower.org/get-involved-3/pica/
Worship tech and online community creation: Allie Becker, Tim Berry, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Stephen Ludington, Kevin Ma, Jesse Schwab.
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July 26 Small Group Descriptions

In Person Groups

Postcarding, Petitions, Legislative Advocacy Activities - Fireside Room

Action Council & Green Sanctuary Committee: Write postcards and sign petitions to California legislators regarding key bills to be voted on during the month of August, the final month of the current two-year legislative session. Postcards and guidance provided.

CA Clean Money: Proposition 4, the California Fair Elections Act on November's ballot, will lift the ban on public financing of election campaigns in California. Come visit our table to endorse the proposition (even if you already signed to endorse the bill that put it on the ballot). And please sign up to help Nancy with some tasks related to events we hold at UUCPA or elsewhere.

Assemble Craft Kits for Local Shelters - Rooms 4-5

Families and single adults in LifeMoves transitional housing appreciate our kits: a zippered bag full of craft materials and activities that they can use to decorate their spaces and enliven unscheduled time. Help us count out supplies and load up 135 craft kits! This activity is suitable for people with solid counting skills, attention to detail, and good attention spans--so perhaps ages 9 years and up, or younger if accompanied by an adult. :)

FYI--the kit supplies are purchased through the budgets of two UUCPA committees, Children's and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) and the Social Justice Action Council. Their budgets are sponsored by your pledges and donations to UUCPA, so thank you for making this activity possible!

All-Ages Charades - Picnic tables by tree behind Fireside Room

We will use kid-oriented charade cards - How would you act out a whale or climbing a ladder? Normally only kids get to enjoy this activity, but today grownups are welcome too! Suggested for 5 and up, but younger children may enjoy this - we do give hints and coaching.

Harmonic Circle Singing - McFadden Patio

Please join us for Harmonic Circle Light. We'll sing a selection of well known standards from the world of pop, rock, folk, and folk-rock that many of you should know. Did you ever hear of the Beatles? Bob Dylan? Pat Humphries? Join us!

Meditation - Room 6

The meeting will primarily be a meditation session. All levels of experience are welcome, and there will be brief instructions for beginners. We'll also introduce the UUCPA meditation group. Ages teen through adult.

Sample Chalice Circle - Room A

For those who have not participated in a Chalice Circle, this session will provide an introduction to them: what they're for, how they work, what it feels like to participate in one. Each Chalice Circle meeting has a topic. The topic of this one is "What Do You Love?" We will meet in a small group to share about what makes our hearts sing.

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NOTE: Childcare will be available

Online Groups

Resonant Reading

Join Bruce England to discuss the following reading using an abbreviated format from the weekly Resonant Reading groups:

“The nuns taught us there are two ways through life: the way of nature and the way of grace. You have to choose which one you'll follow. Grace doesn't try to please itself. Accepts being slighted, forgotten, disliked. Accepts insults and injuries. Nature only wants to please itself. Get others to please it, too. Likes to lord it over them. To have its own way. It finds reasons to be unhappy when all the world is shining around it, when love is smiling through all things. They taught us that no one who loves the way of grace ever comes to a bad end. I will be true to you. Whatever comes.”
—From The Tree of Life (film) 2011, Terrence Malick

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