UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, December 15, 2024
10:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern**

Events today:
Undie Sunday 9:45 am, Main Hall
No Sunday School – Intergenerational worship: No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant 10:15 am
Community Carol Singing 11:15 am, UUCPA Main Patio
Empty Nest Parenting Group 11:30 am, Hamaker Library
Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale 11:30 am, Main Hall Lobby
Spiritual Adventures in Parenting 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Harmonic Circle 1:00 pm, Room 4-5

This Week:
Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 12/16 10:00 am
Cancelled: in-person version of All I Want for the Holidays . . . In-person session Tuesday, 12/17
Resonant Reading (Wednesday) Thoreau Wednesday, 12/18 12:00 pm
Neighboring Faith Communities for Adults – Wednesday Class, 12/18 7:30 pm, Room D (Amy's office)
All I Want for the Holidays . . . Online session Thursday, 12/19 2:00 pm
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 12/21 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading–"You Reading This, Be Ready" Saturday, 12/21 4:00 pm, Online
Winter Solstice Service Saturday, 12/21 7:00 pm, Main Hall
Forum Your Favorite Job, Part 2 Sunday, 12/22 8:30 am, Library

Selected Upcoming Events:
No Sunday School Sunday, 12/22 10:15 am
Senior High Youth Group – SHYG Sunday, 12/22 10:15 am
Sunday Service – Return No One Evil for Evil Sunday, 12/22 10:15 am, UUCPA Main Hall & Online
4th Sunday Brunch Sunday, 12/22 11:15 am, Patio
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing Sunday, 12/22 1:00 pm, Room 4/5
Aurora Singers Winter Concert Sunday, 12/22 4:00 pm, Main Hall

Newcomers, welcome! If you'd like someone to follow up with you this week, please complete the Connect with UUCPA form or email uucpa@uucpa.org.

Prelude — *Snow* (Berlin; arr. Brymer) — **UUCPA Choir & Guests**

Chalice Lighting — **Amy Morgenstern**

Centering Words — **Rev. Cat Boyle**

Song — *Light One Candle,* No. 221 in the gray hymnal

Words & Music: Peter Yarrow, 1938-, ©Silver Dawn Music

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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.
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)

The Hanukkah Story		**Amy Morgenstern**
Anthem	*One Family At A Time* (Olstad and Carlson)	**UUCPA Choir**
Story	*The Night Before Kwanzaa*, Natasha Wing	**Rev. Cat**
Song	*The Sun is Born* Words & Music: Diane Baker, © 1998 in *Circle Round*	

The sun is born again today,
we greet the sun's first morning ray,
We sing and celebrate the light,
the sun's born in the longest night.

Movement Meditation		**Rev. Cat & Gregory Becker**
No Rehearsal Pageant		**UUCPA**
Offering	*Din don! merrily on high* (arr. Mecham)	**Amy Morgenstern**

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Thank you!

Chalice Extinguishing	Words by Nachum Braverman	**Rev. Cat Boyle**
Postlude	*Hallelujah* (Handel; arr. Warren, Jackson, and Kibble)	**UUCPA Choir & Guests**
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: The UUCPA Choir with guests Juanita Harris (vocals), Timothy Ford (trumpet 1), Jacob Jackman (trumpet 2), Trevor Strohl (tenor saxophone), Daniel Gerz (trombone), Richard Concepcion (bass) & Phoebe Chu (drums).
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Joanna Falla, Acterra: **https://acterra.org**
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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