UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, October 6, 2024
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. Amy Zucker Morgenstern**

A visiting UU staying in Palo Alto needs transportation to 701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View on October 15 for post op tests and doctor appointment – could be 1 driver or 2 different drivers for drop off and return trip. Details in The Weekly Update or email Mary Grebenkemper, caring@uucpa.org

Events today:
Senior High Youth Group – SHYG Sunday, 10/6 10:15 am,
Sunday School for children and youth preK through grade 8 – Democracy Children's Chapel Sunday, 10/6 10:15 am
Action Council Meeting 11:30 am, Room 9
Empty Nest Parent Group is canceled due to illness. See you next month.
Living with Chronic Pain 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Harmonic Circle 1:00 pm, McFadden Patio
Writing Group 1:00 pm, Online

This Week:
Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 10/7 10:00 am
Menlo Park Film Discussion Group Monday, 10/7 6:30 pm, Online
Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers Tuesday, 10/8 7:00 pm, Room 6
Dismantling White Supremacy Tuesday, 10/8 7:15 pm, Online
Sacred Text Reading Group (Wed.) – A Man Has Dreams – Mary Poppins Wednesday, 10/9 12:00 pm
2nd Friday Bridge Club Friday, 10/11 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Saturday Meditation Saturday, 10/12 9:00 am, Online
Sacred Text Reading Group (Saturday) Saturday, 10/12 4:00 pm, Online
Forum What makes people happy? Keeps them healthy? Sunday, 10/13 8:30 am, Fireside Room

Selected Upcoming Events:
All Church Community Dance, Saturday, 10/12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Main Hall
Annual Auction Saturday, 11/9 5:30 pm, UUCPA Main Hall & Online

Prelude — *Flowing Water*, Varsha Saxena — **Varsha Saxena**

with photos of the favorite species of people of UUCPA

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Chalice Lighting Amy Morgenstern

Centering Words *The Peace of Wild Things,* Wendell Berry

Story for All Ages

Anthem *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir* **UUCPA Adult Choir**
(Staines; arr. Kingsland)

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

Song *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky,* No. 203 in the gray hymnal
Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226. Music: From Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang, 1623

All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice:

(Chorus)

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light:

(Chorus)

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Embracing earth, you, day by day,
bring forth your blessings on our way,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
let them the glory also show:

(Chorus)

All you of understanding heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless,
and worship God in humbleness:

(Chorus)

Sermon *Blessed by Animals, Blessing the Animals* **Amy Morgenstern**

Responsive Reading Amy Morgenstern

Blessing of the Animals

Offering *Rocking Chair,* Varsha Saxena **Varsha Saxena**

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Thank you!

Recommitment & Affirmation

Song *The Oneness of Everything,* No. 1052 in the teal hymnal
Words and Music: Jim Scott ©2002 Jim Scott

Far beyond the grasp of hands,
or light to meet the eye,
past the reaches of the mind,
There find the key to nature's harmony
in an architecture so entwined.

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Like the birds whose patterns grace the sky
and carry all who join in love expanding,
The message of peace will rise in flight
taking the weight of the world upon its wings,
In the oneness of ev'rything.

Peace is in the dance of trees,
who stir before the first
breath of wind is yet perceived.
Trust in the song, becoming one with the dance,
and all mysteries can be believed.
Songs of lives long past that touch our own
are written in the earth evergiving,
And now to maintain the harmony
gives to us all lives worth living,
For the oneness of ev'rything.

Still we seek to find a truth
that we might understand
and reduce to terms defined
Vast and immeasurable time and space
all so overwhelmingly designed.
Oh, passing years just might I know the faith
that winters in the heart to be reborn in spring.
To hear and to feel the pulse of life
enters my soul as a song to sing,
Of the oneness of ev'rything.

Chalice Extinguishing & Sung Benediction		**UUCPA Adult Choir**
Postlude	*Falling Leaves,* Varsha Saxena	**Varsha Saxena**
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

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Honor all beings.

Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Special music: Varsha Saxena, piano
Social Justice Partner of the Month: South Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Karen Skold
Ushers & Greeters:
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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