UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, September 27, 2026
10:30 a.m.

"Hope Is a Practice"

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 **Autri Dutta**

Events today:
Sunday School for children and youth preK through grade 8: Sunday 9/27, 10:30 am
4th Sunday Brunch: Sunday 9/27, 11:15 am, Patio
Younger Adult Group: Sunday 9/27, 12:00 pm, Room 10
Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers: Sunday 9/27, 12:00 pm, Room 6

This Week:
Resonant Reading: Wednesday 9/30, 12:00 pm, Online
Choir Practice: Thursday 10/1, 7:00 pm, Main Hall
Campus Workday: Saturday 10/3, 9:00 am
Saturday Meditation: Saturday 10/3, 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading: Saturday 10/3, 4:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
B4 Beliefs Survey due: Sunday 10/4, 11:59pm, Online
First Monday Film Discussion Group: Monday 10/5, 6:30 pm, Online
Brown Bag Books: Tuesday 10/6, 11:30 am, Library
B4 Workshop: Saturday 10/10, 9 am, Online
Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers: Sunday 10/11, 12:00 pm, Room 6

Prelude *Sick Doll* (from Children's Album), Tchaikovsky **Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**

Centering Words/Chalice Lighting **"**In hard times," by Maureen Killoran **Rev. Cat Boyle**
"On Children," by Kahlil Gibran **Jane Correia**

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

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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)

Story for All Ages	Stars, Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated, Marla Frazee	**Rev. Cat Boyle**
Reading	The Thing Is, Ellen Bass	**Amy Krystosik**
Caring and Sharing		**Rev. Cat Boyle**

Song Spirit of Life, No. 123 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Carolyn McDade 1935-, ©1981 Carolyn McDade

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Anthem	*The Silence and the Song* (Patterson)	**UUCPA Choir**
Small Reflections	Many Voices on Hope and Seasons of Hope	**Amy Krystosik, Jin Lee, Ben Lenail, Autri Dutta,**

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Offering *First Gnossienne*, Erik Satie **Veronika Agranov-Dafoe**

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!

Song *Blue Boat Home,* No. 1064 in the teal hymnal
Words: Peter Mayer, 1963- , ©2002 Peter Mayer Music: Roland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1187

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

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Chalice Extinguishing Elizabeth Selle Jones **All**

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Sung Benediction **UUCPA Choir**

Postlude *Consolation* no 3, in D flat Major, Liszt **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

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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
Guest Speaker: Amy Krystosik, Founder, MED13 Foundation, (https://med13.org), Service co-created with the MED 13 Foundation and co-led by Rev. Cat Boyle
Social Justice Partner of the Month: United Effort Organization, https://www.theunitedeffort.org/
Worship tech and online community creation: Allie Becker, Tim Berry, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Stephen Ludington, Kevin Ma, Jesse Schwab.

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You are invited to the **Break Barriers, Build Beliefs (B4) Workshop**
Saturday, October 10, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

This workshop is offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The UUCPA Search Committee invites all lay leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop. It will be entirely virtual on Zoom, so you can join in your pajamas from the comfort of your home! Our facilitator, trained by UUA, is Reverend Alia Shinbrough (they/them).

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Break Barriers, Build Beliefs is a highly recommended part of the search process for our congregation. In it, we will have a chance to examine how we can temper and avoid bias and prejudice becoming a part of our search process. Acknowledging bias is yet another way to put our faith into lived experience and improve the odds that, regardless of identity, we will find the minister who is the best match for us and who will serve us well. This opportunity allows the entire congregation fuller participation in the search process. It will allow us to explore our hopes and concerns for a new minister, learn more about the search process, and see how our history (both personal and congregational) might influence our efforts in this search.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jane Correia, our Search Committee's B4 host at: search-questions+b4@uucpa.org.

Come, come, whoever you are, on **Saturday, October 10, at 9 am, on Zoom**. Here is the QR code to register: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the Zoom information about joining the workshop. Link is on the website.	

Everyone! Whether or not you join the workshop, **by Sunday, October 4th, please complete your B4 Beliefs Survey** (yes, another survey 😃): This survey will give our facilitator a better view of what biases our congregation may or may not have. Link is on the website.	