

**Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento**  
All-ages Sunday, April 21, 2024, in person and online

**Hymn #21** For the Beauty of the Earth

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Testimonial** Amanda Dewey

**Music for Celebration** Rain  
-Riuychi Sakamoto

**Chalice Lighting**

**Joys and Sorrows, Prayer and Silence**

**Hymn #1031** Filled with Loving Kindness

**Gift of Music** The Three Goddesses  
-Kelvyn Koning

**Shinto: Earth-based and Indigenous**

**Shared Offering** for NorCal Resist  
Every Sunday we give half of the offering donations to a not-for-profit agency. Donate by text at 916-619-0903, online at [uuss.org/donate](http://uuss.org/donate), or by check to UUSS.

**Offertory** Fantasia  
-Joe Hisaishi

**Spoken Response** May generosity bless our world,  
and may gratitude nourish our spirits.

**Visiting a Shinto Shrine—worship and prayers**

**Hanging Ema** Sakura, Ondo No Funa Uta  
-Japanese folk tunes

**Hymn #163** For the Earth Forever Turning

**Extinguishing the Chalice**  
We extinguish this flame, but we carry the light, love,  
and commitment of this gathering into the days to come.

**Benediction**

## Japan



Geography: 3,000 islands; 4 main islands. Mountainous & forested.  
Population: 123 million people (12<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world)  
Government: parliamentary constitutional monarchy since 1947  
Religions: overlapping traditions

Shinto and related beliefs:	70.8%
Buddhism:	67.6%
Christianity:	1.5%
Other traditions:	5.9%

## **Serving in Worship this Sunday**

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones ~ Ministerial Intern Rosemary Dodd  
Religious Education Coordinator Crystal Fountain  
Worship Associates Celia Buckley and Andy Cramer  
Music Director Anthony Tavianini  
Dr. Irina Tchantceva, piano  
The USSS Choir  
Centerpiece Altar Design by Molly Stuart  
AV & Zoom Technicians: Joseph, Abi, Toby

## **WELCOME TO GUESTS & NEWCOMERS!**

Please complete a Newcomer Card to receive follow-up information and *Our Weekly Message* by email at [uuss.org/newcomers](http://uuss.org/newcomers) or at the Welcome Table in the hall.

Find our Weekly Calendar at [uuss.org/bluesheets/](http://uuss.org/bluesheets/)

Assisted listening devices are in the rear or in the Welcome Hall.

Our induction-loop system connects to a T-coil hearing aid.

Restrooms are out the sanctuary doors to the left. A single-person restroom is in the hallway to the right of the Library/Bookstore.

Rev. Lucy Bunch is on sabbatical leave through May 31.

## **OUR CONGREGATION'S MISSION STATEMENT**

We come together to deepen our lives  
and to be a force for healing in the world.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO

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## **Bowing to the Spirits of Nature: Let's Visit a Shinto Shrine**

10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 21, 2024

## **Unitarian Universalist Society**

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