

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Sunday, February 1, 2026, in person and online

Defiant Love: Interrogating Our American Heritage

Opening Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Reading & Lighting

Music for Centering The Cat's in the Cradle, 1974
-Harry Chapin (1942-1981)

Blessing Song for Children and Youth Lead with Love
-Melanie DeMore

Candle of Compassion and Resistance

Joys and Sorrows, Prayer and Silence

Hymn #318 We Would be One

Reading From Terence McKenna

Reading From Chuck Palahniuk

Reading From Joe Bailey

Gift of Music I Choose This Day
-Lea Morris

Shared Offering for NorCal Resist

Every month we give half of the Sunday offering to a local not-for-profit organization. Donate by text at 916-619-0903, or online at uuss.org/donate, or by check to UUSS.

Offertory

Soon Love Soon
-Vienna Teng (b. 1978)

Spoken Response

May generosity bless our world
and may gratitude nourish our spirits.

Sermon

Defiant Love

Hymn #1017

We Are Building a New Way

Extinguishing the Chalice and Candle Flames Unison words

May the power of this gathering light our way forward
with courage. In the days to come, let us remember
that fear is outworked by hope,
and that hatred is no match for the power of love.

Benediction

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Guest Preacher J.D. Stillwater, Science Ambassador
Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, PA

with Rev. Dr. Roger Jones and Rev. Lucy Bunch
Worship Associate Dawn Huebner

UUSS Choir ~ Music Director Anthony Tavianini
Pianist Irina Tchantceva

Vocal ensemble: Tara Benavides, Celia Buckley, Bess Caswell,
Barbara Dace, Tam Helinski, Courtney O'Neill.

Please join us for a forum by J.D. & Ann Stillwater at noon on the science of sex and gender. You're welcome to bring your soup into the sanctuary, but if you wish to converse with friends during the forum, please use the Welcome Hall or patio tables.

WELCOME TO GUESTS & NEWCOMERS!

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

Find our Weekly Calendar at uuss.org/bluesheets/

Assisted listening devices are in the back.
Our induction-loop system connects to a T-coil hearing aid.
Restrooms are out the sanctuary doors to the left. All-gender restroom is in the hallway to the right of the Library/Bookstore.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

OUR LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We honor the Nisenan, Southern Maidu, and Miwok peoples for their commitment to this land where UUSS exists. They have never ceded, left, nor ceased to care for this land.

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