

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Sunday, July 12, 2026, in person and online

Wisdom for Our Times: Octopus

Hymn Joy in the Morning

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Reading & Lighting

Music for Centering Beyond the Sea from *Finding Nemo*
-Charles Trenet

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

Candle of Compassion and Resistance

Joys and Sorrows
Prayer and Silence

Hymn Be Still and Breathe

Video

Reading 5 Amazing Things about Octopus

Gift of Music Octopus's Garden
-Richard Starkey

Reading From "The Soul of an Octopus"
-Sy Montgomery

Shared Offering for Mercy Pedalers
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 It Comes in Waves
-Gideon Rubin

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

Sermon Wisdom for Our Times: Octopus

Hymn #203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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
Rev. Lucy Bunch, preaching
Worship Associate Jenni Gouine
Music Director Anthony Tavianini
Pianist Irina Tchantceva

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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