

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Sunday, August 16, 2026, in person and online

Hymn #21 For the Beauty of the Earth

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Reading & Lighting

Music for Centering Andante
from 3 Pieces for cello and piano, Op.1, No.2
-Arthur Foote (1853 - 1937)

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

Candle of Compassion and Resistance

**Joys and Sorrows
Prayer and Silence**

Hymn #391 Voice Still and Small

Introduction

Reading/Reflection

Gift of Music Dark Garden
-Amy Marcy Beach (1867-1944), words: Leonora Speyer

Shared Offering for Loaves and Fishes
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 Once Through the Forest from 6 Idyls after Goethe
-Edward A. MacDowell (1860-1908)

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



Homily

Hymn #109 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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. Dr. Roger Jones, preaching
Worship Associate Eric Gudz
Pianist Irina Tchanceva
Thomas Derthick, double bass; John Martin, tenor

Music Notes

Special music today comes from a strong group of 19th century New England composers and musicians who layered a foundation for American classical music. *Henry Foote was a Unitarian church organist whose nephew Arthur II was our minister in Stockton & Sacramento 1936-45. *Pianist and composer Mrs. Amy Marcy Cheney Beach was the first successful American female composer of large-scale art music. Her "Gaelic" symphony was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1896. *Pianist and composer Edward A. MacDowell was best known for his piano suites Sea Pieces, New England Idylls, and Woodland Sketches, which includes his most popular short piece, "To a Wild Rose."

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

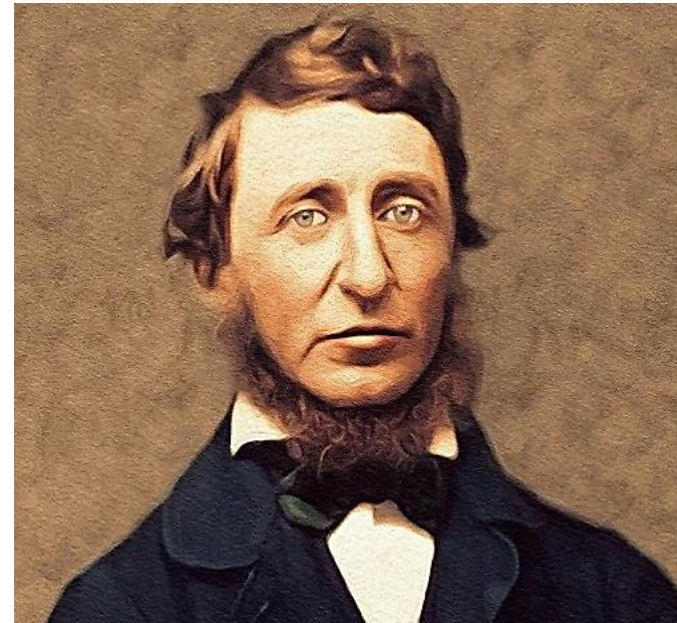
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Gifts of an Earth Brother: The Simplicity and Resistance of Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 16, 2026

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