

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Sunday, August 23, 2026, in person and online

Hymn

Joy in the Morning
-Natalie Sleeth

Welcome & Announcements

Chalice Reading & Lighting

We light this chalice in honor of the animal realm,
The furred and hoofed, two-legged, four-legged, or many-legged,
The feathered or scaly, fanged and clawed, wild or tame.
We honor the gentle and fierce, hard-shelled or tender-hearted,
Let us remember that all creatures deserve respect and care,
for we are all related.

Music for Centering

Trumpet Voluntary in D major
-John Stanley (1712-1786)

Blessing Song for Children and Youth

Lead with Love
-Melanie DeMore

Candle of Compassion and Resistance

Joys and Sorrows Prayer and Silence

Gift of Music

Goodbye from Hachi: A Dog Tale
-Jan Kaszmarek (1953-2024)

Reading

Hymn #134

Our World Is One World

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

Higher Ground
-Johnson Oatman Jr./Charles Gabriel (written 1892), arr. Mark Hayes



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Offering Response

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

Sermon

I Love My Chicken

Moment of Silence

Hymn #203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky vs. 1-4

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 Andy Cramer
Music Director Anthony Tavianini
Pianist Irina Tchanceva

Crystal Fountain Religious Education Coordinator

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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I Love My Chicken: The Avoidable Suffering of Animals and Humans

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