

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Sunday, February 2, 2025, in person and online

Hymn #188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Words of Welcome

Music for Centering Deep River
-African American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Chalice Lighting

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

Candle of Compassion & Resistance

Joys and Sorrows, Prayer and Silence

Hymn #317 We Are Not Our Own

Readings Leviticus 19:33-34, Gospel of Mathew 25:35

Personal Reflection

Gift of Music No Other People's Children
-Elizabeth Alexander, 2017

Shared Offering for Effie Yeaw Nature Center
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Offertory Somewhere (There's a Place for Us)
-Leonard Bernstein (1918-90)

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

Sermon To Welcome the Stranger

Hymn #121 We'll Build a Land

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Benediction

No Other People's Children - by Elizabeth Alexander, 2017

How did we get to this place
Where we could look at each other's face
And see anything but beauty and understanding?
I want to know who you are,
And face the suffering that keeps us far apart.
I can never truly see the world through your eyes
Or take away your pain,
But I'm listening, and I'm hoping you can hear me saying:

Refrain:

You are my neighbor. You are beloved.
You are worth seeing for who you are.
You are my neighbor. You are beloved.
You are worth seeing for who you are.
I'm here, I'm listening, I'm here listening with you.

Break bread with me.
Make peace with me.
Speak the truth with me.
Begin again with me.
Relate with me.
Create with me.
Be the change with me
That keeps our children safe and free:
There are no other people's heartaches.
There are no other people's injuries.
There are no other people's children in this world.

See what is unseen,
Say what is unspoken,
Believe that there's no wall between our beating hearts.

Refrain

Be whole with me.
Be real with me.
Start to heal with me
So we can live courageously.
There are no other people's heartaches.
There are no other people's injuries.
There are no other people's children in this world.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones, preaching ~ Rev. Lucy Bunch
Worship Associate Dawn Huebner with Lu Bunker
UUSS Choir & 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. A single-person
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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To Welcome the Stranger

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