

## MISSION STATEMENT

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation that strives to foster respect and compassion for all people and a reverence for nature. We support one another in our search for spiritual and religious meaning and are committed to working for justice in the larger community.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ❖ The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- ❖ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- ❖ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- ❖ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- ❖ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- ❖ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- ❖ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

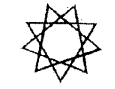
- ❖ Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life
- ❖ Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love
- ❖ Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life
- ❖ Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves
- ❖ Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit
- ❖ Spiritual teachings and Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist institutions, and implement its principles.

# MORNING WORSHIP

31 July 2016



**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND  
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME**

**STARR KING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

A spiritual community of celebration, service, freedom and vision.

Member: of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Member: South Hayward Parish (Social Justice Network),

FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter),

FAME (Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy)

EAIC (Eden Area Interfaith Council)

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND  
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME**

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.  
~ Jeannette Rankin

**Welcome** ~ Lu Middleton, Worship Associate

**Prelude** ~ Lea Casini, pianist

**Call to Worship** *Prayers*  
*African* ~ Lu Middleton and Bob Meyerson  
*Christian* ~ Frank Burton  
*Zoroastrian* ~ Chis Leahy

**Lighting the Chalice**

*As we kindle this fire, let it go out to the entire population of  
Earth, and light the flame of peace, cooperation, and love which  
Is the hope and wish of people worldwide.*

\* **Greeting One Another** ~ Lu Middleton

\* **Hymn** #34 *May I Speak With Bravest Fire*  
*Please hold up joys and sorrows slips to be collected.*

**Story For All Ages** ~ David Middleton

**Children's Benediction** Hymn #413

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.  
Vayan en paz, vayan en paz. Pueda el Dios\* rodearlos siempre,  
por doquier, por doquier, que vayan.*

\*Replace "el Dios" with "el amor" if you prefer singing "spirit of love."

**Candles of Joy and Sorrow** ~ Bob Meyerson

**Prayer and Meditation** *Jainist* ~ Dr. MH Koya  
*Jewish* ~ Rabbi Manhoff  
*Native American* ~ Quannah Brightman

\* **Hymn** #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

**Reading(s)** *Baha'l* ~ Mark Vaz  
*Shinto* ~ Diane Meyerson  
*Muslim* ~ Dr. Noor Bilbeisi

**Homily part 1** ~ Bob Meyerson

*Prayers*

*Sikh* ~ Sukhvinder Singh Waraich and Hermanpreet Singh

*Hindu* ~ Ben Venktash

*Buddhist* ~ Prakash Thapa

**Homily part 2**

*Special music - Raghupati*

**Sharing of Responsibility** ~ Lu Middleton

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (unison)

*We extinguish the flame of this chalice, but not the warmth  
of love, the light of truth or the energy of service. These  
we carry in our hearts until we meet again.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Please refrain from conversation during the postlude*

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.*

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Thanks to all who helped create worship today, especially  
Music...Lea Casini.

Worship Associates...Lu Middleton

Sound Associate...Bob Simoni.

Coffee served by...Doris Wolf and Beverly Powell.

Flowers brought by...Lavon Hodges for Interfaith.

Board Member responsible for securing the building...Frank Burton.

**Religious Exploration for Children Today:**

Children will be learning community through arts and crafts with Lorie Miller  
and Jennifer Koney

**Next Week:** Reader's Theater ~ Al Murdach

Come to this year's Readers Theater to witness the turmoil that erupted  
in the 1917 GA over a motion to endorse the U.S. involvement in WWI.  
Pro-war and anti-war folks really mixed it up back then.

*Our free faith welcomes all who come with open mind and kind heart,  
and invites into membership all who choose to support the life and  
principles of our church. As a symbol of this welcome,  
our membership book sits open upon our altar.*