Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

March 2, 2025

Sounding the Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Building Bridges* Hymn # 391

Chalice Lighting *the words of James Baldwin*

Opening Words *What A Good Boy* Ed Robertson and Steven Page

Reciting the Covenant Together

Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Joys and Concerns

Reading *the words of Brandi Tucker*

Hymn *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* Hymn # 1008

Offering Mary Fulton

Salaries are 80% of the UUCSC operating budget. When the hard working staff at UUCSC sign a contract they may do their job lovingly but they also need an adequate salary to live well. Can Rev. Denis write a sermon for us? Can Lee plan and educational program for us? Can Sara keep us organized? Can a music director inspire us? YES! They all can do a marvelous job if your pledges adequately fund the operating budget for next year. How much money does that require? Our goal for 2025/26 is $225,000. How much might you pledge? The UUA recommends 3-5% of your taxable income. Perhaps you can make that large of a contribution your personal goal.

Today's offering will be split with Thundermist Health Center. All plate cash will go towards the total to be shared. If you wish to contribute by check, please make check payable to UUCSC and put "Shared Collection" in the memo line.

Offertory *Money on my Mind* Sam Smith

Sermon *Ladies and Gentlemen* Rev. Denis Paul

Hymn *We'll Build A Land* Hymn # 121

Closing Words from *Beyond the Gender Binary* Alok Vaid-Menon

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this chalice, but not its light.
That we take with us out into the world,
sharing it with those we encounter on our journey.

Closing Song

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again. (3x)

Newcomers, please fill out a yellow welcome card, which you can find in the back of the gray hymnal, and put it in with the offering or give it to one of the greeters.

Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul, Minister
Lee Cowan, Director of Religious Education
Sara Kaplow, Congregational Administrator

Rev. Denis's Schedule: Office hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-4
Upcoming Beverages & Banter: Thursday, February 27, 2 pm at Panera
Next furlough week: March 18 through March 24
Next study week: March 25 through March 31