

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

If you would like more information about this liberal religious congregation, check out the UUFRC Facebook page (facebook.com/uufrc), visit our website (RedwoodCityUU.org) for news and events, or request a call from our Minister.

UUFRC Mission Statement

We are a welcoming and inclusive community of individuals of all ages who seek spiritual meaning, empower personal growth, build connections with our neighbors, act for justice, and inspire others to join us.

Our Principles in Brief

This congregation is part of the larger Unitarian Universalist Association. Together, we covenant to affirm and promote Seven Principles:

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

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

“What Matters?” August 2, 2020



Worship Leader: Michael Eselun

Worship Associate: Jeanne De Shazo

Choir Director and Pianist: Dawn Reyen, Larry Chinn

Summer Music Coordinator: Marianna Raymond

Please silence all electronic devices and join us in this moment.

“What Matters?” August 2, 2020

Gathering of the Community

INGATHERING MUSIC: #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Jeanne De Shazo

Stating Intent

LIGHTING THE CHALICE:

“As we come together in community in this virtual space, we are very aware of all of which we have had to let go—not the least of which, at the most basic level... coming into physical presence with one another. As we light our own candles, if we choose, to represent the chalice of our community-- we are mindful of this sacred time of coming together on our shared journey of discovery—discovery of that which is indestructible within us.” -- Michael Eselun

CALL TO WORSHIP: from *When Things Fall Apart* by Pema Chodron

OPENING HYMN: “Come and Go with Me”, traditional African-American, STJ, p.1018

TIME FOR ALL AGES “The Three Questions” by Jon J. Muth

Deepening

READING: An excerpt from the Los Angeles Times, March 11, 2012, a reflection from Mike Nichols

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Time in a Bottle,” by Jim Croce, performed by Bev Morgan and Dawn Reyen

SERMON: “What Matters?” by Michael Eselun

Returning to Community: The Work of the People

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: “So Far Away,” by Carole King, performed by Jen Gill and Larry Chinn

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION

Integration and Release

CLOSING HYMN: “Lean on Me,” by Bill Withers, STJ, p. 1021

CLOSING WORDS: by Michael Eselun

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME: “*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*” — Elizabeth Sëlle Jones

POSTLUDE

Visitors are always welcome to participate in UUFRC events and activities. During this time, all are being conducted virtually. To see what is happening, please check out our Facility Calendar on our website: <https://www.uufrc.org/upcoming-events/calendar-of-events/>

For more information about this liberal religious congregation, please request a call from our Connections Coordinator, learn more at <https://www.uufrc.org/connection/visiting-us/>

SUNDAY OFFERING: A familiar Sunday Service is a critical part of life for many of us. We are happy you joined us. If you would like to support our programs, you can donate now! <https://www.uufrc.org/connection/donate/>

Thank you for joining us. Please stay after the service for virtual coffee.