

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

If you would like more information about this liberal religious congregation, pick up our pamphlets on the literature kiosk in the foyer, check 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:

- One. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Two. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Three. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth;
- Four. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- Five. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;
- Six. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Seven. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

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Ritual of Release & Appreciation for Rev. Gretchen

July 19, 2020



(photo by Wes Hicks)

Worship Leader: the Rev. Dr. Gretchen Woods

Worship Associate: Chris DeCardy

Pianists: Dawn Reyen and Larry Chinn

Song Leader: Dawn Reyen

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Sunday, July 19, 2020

Gathering of the Community

PRELUDE: “The Road Goes Ever On and On” by J.R.R. Tolkien & Donald Swan

SLIDE SHOW: by Erika Pretell

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chris DeCardy

WELCOME: Chris DeCardy

Stating Intent

CALL TO WORSHIP: by G. Woods

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: by G. Woods

“As we gather for an ending and a beginning, let us remember that our flame of Unitarian Universalism burns brightly throughout our world. Let us kindle that flame in honor of our rich heritage and the possibilities for an even richer future for all of us.”

OPENING SONG: #12 “O Life That Maketh All Things New”
led by Dawn Reyen

Time for All Ages

TIME FOR ALL AGES: “Following the Road”

Deepening

READING: “Impassioned Clay” by Ralph Helverson

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin
UUFRC Choir

HOMILY: “The Road Goes Ever On and On”

Returning to Community: The Work of the People”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: “Memory” from Cats

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION

Integration and Release

CLOSING SONG: #295 “Sing Out Praises For The Journey”
Led by Dawn Reyen

CLOSING WORDS: From Steve Hill, President of the UUFRC Board; Chris Stovall, Chair of the Program Council; Solveig Zarubin, for the Worship Associates, and Polly Zarubin, Co-Chair of the Transition Team.

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: “Amazing Grace” by Gretchen Woods

VISITORS are always welcome to participate in UUFRC events and activities. During this time, some 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.