

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

## OUR RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION

AUGUST 23, 2020

What about the use of our imagination to gain a wider perspective beyond just our own experience and reason? This worship service will explore how engaging our imagination can be an enriching part of our religious life.

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**Worship Associate:** Jeanne De Shazo

**Pianists:** Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn



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

### Gathering of the Community

**INGATHERING MUSIC:** #188 “Come, Come Whoever You Are”, Led by Jen Gill with Larry Chinn on piano

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** Jeanne De Shazo

### Stating Intent

#### **LIGHTING THE CHALICE:**

*May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.*

*May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.*

**OPENING HYMN:** #346 “Come Sing a Song With Me” Led by Dawn Reyen

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** “On the Brink” by Rev. Leslie Takahashi

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:** Story of Rev. Olympia Brown, Told by Rev. Brian Ferguson

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Open the Window,” spiritual, Led by Marianna Raymond

### Deepening

**REFLECTION:** Jeanne De Shazo

**HYMN:** #298 “Wake Now My Senses”, Led by Dawn Reyen

**SERMON:** Our Religious Imagination -- Rev. Brian Ferguson

### Returning to Community: The Work of the People

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:** “Imagination”- Jimmy Van Heusen & Johnny Burke. Performed by Larry Chinn

#### **SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS**

#### **MEDITATION**

### Integration and Release

**CLOSING SONG:** #1074 “Turn the World Around”, Led by Dawn Reyen

**CLOSING WORDS:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### **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

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

## **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](https://facebook.com/uufrc)), visit our website ([RedwoodCityUU.org](https://RedwoodCityUU.org)) for news and events, or request a call from our Minister.

**Visitors:** 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 to our virtual service support team**

We would like to give a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers working on and off screen during today's service. It definitely takes a dedicated and hard-working team to make the virtual services run as wonderfully as they do:

**Online Host:** Rob Davis

**Website Support:** Greg Stovall

**Video Recording:** Rob Versluis

**Sound:** Liz Davis

**Projection:** Cyndi Williamson

**Music Support:** Dawn Reyen, Larry Chinn

**Social Hour Host:** Rob Davis

**Grounds Crew:** Jonelle Preisser, Peter Hartzell

### **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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