

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Does Our Name Mean Anything to Us Today?

September 13, 2020

Exploring what might be the central spiritual theme in Unitarian Universalist identity that brings us together as a religious community.

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Worship Associate: John Kim

Pianist: Larry Chinn



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

Gathering of our Community

INGATHERING MUSIC: #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are"

WELCOME: John Kim

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: John Kim

As we seek to build Beloved Community

May we work together knowing that loving power is created through equitable relationships with one another.

Allowing others to do what they can for themselves and collaborating when we can be most effective.

Help us to know when to follow and when to lead as we acknowledge our best collaboration involves both.

May we build bonds of trust and caring out of which we can engage with others in just action.

And may we nurture the spirituality of our work together.

Let us be guided in all we do by our highest values and the better angels of our nature.

Connecting within Our Community

OPENING HYMN: #318 "We Would Be One"

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: "Across the Universe" - John Lennon

JOYS AND SORROWS - John Kim

Deepening

MEDITATION

REFLECTION/READING: John Kim

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Yes, We Can Can" -A. Toussaint, sung by John Anning with Larry Chinn, piano

SERMON: "Does Our Name Mean Anything to Us?" by Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING SONG: #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

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

CLOSING WORDS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

POSTLUDE

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), visit our website (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 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 service run as wonderful as they do.

Online Host: Tracy Morris

Projection: Cyndi Williamson

Video Recording: Suzie Idzik

Music Support: Dawn Reyen &
Larry Chinn

Sound: David Vallerga

Social Hour Host: Tracy Morris

Website Support: Greg Stovall

Grounds Crew: Nick Kibre & John Kim

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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