

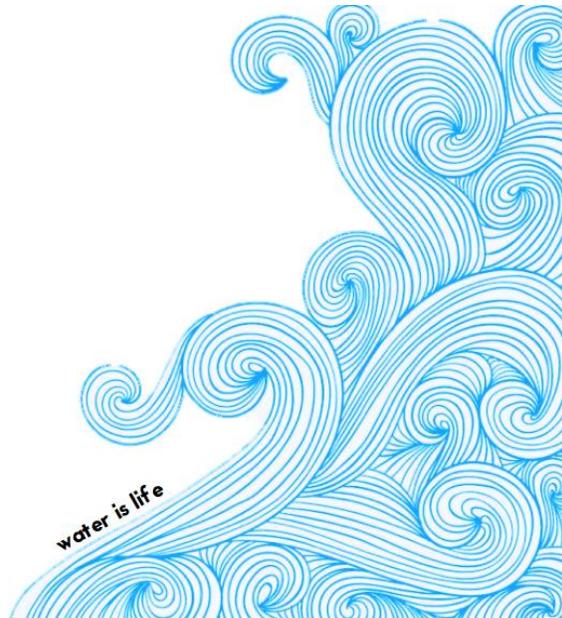
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Water Communion September 6, 2020

Our traditional Water Communion service is a time to reconnect with this beloved community at the beginning of our church year.

Worship Leader: Kathy Warne
Worship Associate: Chris DeCardy
Pianist: Larry Chinn



*“All water has a perfect memory
and is forever trying to get back to where it was.”*
Toni Morrison

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

Gathering of the Community

INGATHERING MUSIC: “Sanctuary” led by Beverly Morgan

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Chris DeCardy

Stating Intent

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Kathy Warne

And so we gather, from the ebb and flow of our lives
Thirsty for connection to ourselves
Thirsty for connection to others
Thirsty for connection to the larger life.
As we light this chalice
May all who gather here be filled:
Filled with joy and hope
Filled with compassion and love
Here, may we be filled
So that we may pour ourselves out
into the world.

--Gregory Pelley

OPENING HYMN: “Wade in the Water”
-trad. spiritual, led by John Anning

CALL TO WORSHIP: Kathy Warne

SONG: “Moon River” -Mancini & Mercer, led by Amy French

Deepening

REFLECTION: “The Gathering of Waters” Kathy Warne

WATER CEREMONY: ALL

Returning to Community: The Work of the People

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: “Down to the River to Pray” -trad.
Sung by UUFRC Choir and Aurora Singers

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION CLOSING SONG

CLOSING SONG: “Swimming to the Other Side” - Pat Humphries, led by Marianna Raymond

Integration and Release

CLOSING WORDS: Kathy Warne

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), 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: Elisabeth Rossi

Projection: Josh Moore

Slideshow: Erika Pretell

Music Support: Dawn Reyen, Larry Chinn & Marianna Raymond

Website Support: Greg Stovall

Social Hour Host: Elizabeth Rossi

Video Recording: Lee Rossi

Grounds Crew: Nick Kibre & John Kim

Sound: Solveig Zarubin

Sanctuary A/V: John Cooney & Grant Huberty

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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