

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

In Our Own Words: Gratitude November 1, 2020

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

-- G.K. Chesterton

**Worship Leaders: Beth Harrison &
John Anning**
Worship Associate: Liz Davis
Pianist: Larry Chinn



Gathering of our Community

INGATHERING MUSIC: Larry Chinn

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: Liz Davis

LIGHTING THE CHALICE:

“The Abundance of Our Lives Together” by Katie Gelfand

*We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.
In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one
another,
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and
generosity.
In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.
May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift
each other,
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that
sustains us.*

OPENING WORDS: Beth Harrison

Connecting within Our Community

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Oh, Ruby" by Ren Geisick,
performed by Ren Geisick and Will Brahm

REFLECTION #1: “Two Dads, Chosen Family,”
Anna Dyer

REFLECTION #2: “Whatever Is,” Tim Bartus

SPECIAL MUSIC: “While the Sun Sets,” Wayne
Burdick

REFLECTION #3: “Saying Grace,” Lillian Svec

REFLECTION #4: “New England Garden,” DeeDee
Stovel

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: “The Neighborhood”
by Luis Perez and David Hidalgo, Chris Fuller

REFLECTION #5: “The Little Paper Man and My
Journey to Gratitude,” Alejandra Domenzain

Deepening

GRATITUDE MEDITATION: Liz Davis

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING SONG: “I Wanna Testify,” by Deron Taylor
and George Clinton, Larry Chinn and John Anning

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: Beth Harrison

POSTLUDE: Larry Chinn

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: Cyndi Williamson

Video Recording: Greg Stovall

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: Solveig Zarubin

Social Hour Host: Elisabeth Rossi

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

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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