

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

## Embracing Hope in Anxious Times October 18, 2020

We are living in anxious times. Does it even make sense to be hopeful in these times or is it just a naïve denial of reality? This worship service will explore where the possible sources of hope may be at this time and how our anxiety itself may be a source of hope.

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**Worship Associate:** Kathy Warne

**Musical Director:** Dawn Reyen

**Pianist:** Larry Chinn



*Hope, Painting by Young Artist Amita Rajender Saroya*

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

### Gathering of our Community

**WELCOME:** Kathy Warne

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

*We call this light before us in hope that we may always remain a strong community, working together to make the world a better place.*

*When we are grieving or sad,*

*When we are challenged, When we need help,*

*This flame guides us out of the darkness.*

*When we are cheerful, When we celebrate,*

*When we accomplish a great task,*

*When we return to a place that makes us happy,*

*The chalice reminds us to share our happiness with others. — Atticus Palmer*

**OPENING HYMN:** #1020 “Woyaya”

### Connecting within Our Community

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**RECOGNITION OF DERBY DAVIDSON:** Lillian Svec, Rachel Taylor, and Chris Stovall

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Over My Head” - Traditional  
Performed by Aurora Women

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:** Kathy Warne

*Today’s Share the Plate Recipient is [Community to Overcome Abuse](#) and CORA Board Member Linda Adler will join us via a video presentation about how this organization addresses intimate partner abuse in San Mateo County.*

**JOYS AND SORROWS:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**MEDITATION:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

### Deepening

**REFLECTION:** Kathy Warne

**REFLECTION:** “Embracing Hope in Anxious Times”  
Rev. Brian Ferguson

### Returning to Life in Service

**CLOSING SONG:** #1018 “Come and Go With Me to That Land”

**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

*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 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:** Jen Bahr-Davidson

**Projection:** Josh Moore

**Video Recording:** Rob Versluis

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

**Sound:** John Cooney

**Social Hour Host:** Jen Bahr-Davidson

**Website Support:** Greg Stovall

**Grounds Crew:** Sharon & Gregory Gee

**Sanctuary Video:** Grant Huberty &  
John Cooney

**Announcements:** David Stoutamire

**Pre-service Slideshow:** Erica Pretell

### **Mission Statement UUFRC**

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;The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
6. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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