

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

For The Love of Pride October 11, 2020

Today on National Coming Out Day, we will explore the topic of pride and the struggles of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Gender non-conforming friends and family. We will celebrate the important progress that has been made while acknowledging the struggles that still need to be overcome.



Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson
Worship Associate: Sarah Skovlund
Musical Director: Dawn Reyen
Pianist: Larry Chinn

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

Gathering of our Community

PRELUDE

WELCOME: Sarah Skovlund

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Sarah Skovlund

We light this flame to ignite our hearts and minds—

*the spark of knowledge that enlightens,
the shimmering hope that burns,
the blazing love that engulfs our actions,
the bonfire of our commitment.*

*We light this flame for those
who celebrate themselves, who fear,
who hope, who persevere,
who stand on the side of love for all.*

*We light this flame to renew our commitment
that no one shall ever again
suffer for the right to love.*

— Linda Lee Franson

Connecting within Our Community

OPENING HYMN: #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People” - verses 1,2,5 & 6

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

MEDITATION: Rev. Brian Ferguson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Sarah Skovlund

“Somewhere” - Leonard Bernstein &
Stephen Sondheim

Deepening

REFLECTION: Sarah Skovlund

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Crowded Table” - Brandi Carlile
Performed by David Krevor

SERMON: “For the Love of Pride”
Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING SONG: #1014 “Answering the Call of Love”

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: ????

Projection: Cyndi Williamson

Video Recording: Susie Idzik

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: Liz Davis

Social Hour Host: ????

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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