

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Giving Thanks in Tough Times November 22, 2020

Being grateful when life is going well and comfortable seems easy, but what about being grateful during hard times such as many of us in our society are experiencing at this time. This worship service will explore how we can make a regular spiritual practice of gratitude for all that life has to offer.



Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Worship Associate: Solveig Zarubin

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen

Pianist: Larry Chinn

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

Gathering of our Community

WELCOME: Solveig Zarubin

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson

*For our community gathered here, for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place:
We give thanks this day.*

*For moments we have shared with others; for times when we have reached out across barriers of distance and fear;
for times when others have reached out to us; for moments when we have discovered another along our path:
We give thanks this day.*

*For this community of celebration and growth, introspection and solitude, and for those moments of "that peace which passes all understanding":
We give thanks this day.*

*For our gathering together out of distant places; for our weaving together out of many separate selves this hour of celebration and worship:
We give thanks this day. - Jane Maudlin*

OPENING HYMN: #346 "Come Sing a Song with Me"

Connecting within Our Community

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THIS LAND: Rev. Brian Ferguson

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Lillian Svec

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Solveig Zarubin

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Deepening

MEDITATION: Rev. Brian Ferguson

HYMN: #389 "We Sing Now Together"

REFLECTION: Solveig Zarubin

SPECIAL MUSIC: "We Give Thanks" - Wendy Perkins
Performed by UUFRC Choir

SERMON: "Giving Thanks in Tough Times"
Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING SONG: #128 "For All That Is Our Life"

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME: Rev. Brian Ferguson
"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), 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: Jen Bahr-Davidson

Projection: Peter Hartzell

Video Recording: Rob Versluis

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: John Kim

Social Hour Host: Jen Bahr-Davidson

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Grounds Crew: Leslie and David Vallerga

Sanctuary Video: Grant Huberty &
John Cooney

Announcements: Chris Stovall

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;
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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