

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

What Next? November 8, 2020

As we reflect in the aftermath of our recent election, a prominent question we ask is “What next?” Is there an obvious path to healing given the divisive and contentious state of our country? This worship service will explore what tentative steps we may take to come to terms with our current circumstances.

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson
Worship Associate: Tracey Fecher
Musical Director: Dawn Reyen
Pianist: Larry Chinn



"Maker kintsugi" by Marisa Liuzzi

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

Gathering of our Community

WELCOME: Tracey Fecher

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson

"Why a flaming chalice?" the question comes.

It's the cup of life, we answer.

A cup of blessings overflowing.

A cup of water to quench our spirits' thirst.

A cup of wine for celebration and dedication.

The flame of truth.

The fire of purification.

Oil for anointing, healing.

Out of chaos, fear, and destruction,

thus was the symbol crafted, a generation ago.

So may it be for us,

*in these days of uncertainty, disappointment,
and anger.*

*And a light to warm our souls and guide us
home.*

— Lisa Doege

OPENING HYMN: #1001 "Breaths"

Connecting within Our Community

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Tracey Fecher

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

MEDITATION: Rev. Brian Ferguson

HYMN: #123 "Spirit of Life"

Deepening

REFLECTION: Tracey Fecher

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Up on the Roof" - Carole King and
Gerry Coffin

Performed by UUFRC Choir

SERMON: "What Next?" - Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING SONG: #348 "Guide My Feet"

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://www.facebook.com/uufrc)), visit our website ([RedwoodCityUU.org](https://www.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: Martha Beetley

Projection: Cyndi Williamson

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Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: Liz Davis

Social Hour Host: Martha Beetley

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Grounds Crew: Nick Kibre & John Kim

Sanctuary Video: Grant Huberty &
John Cooney

Announcements: Steve Hill

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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