

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

## At the Crossroads of Faith and Fear: Now What? December 27, 2020

So many of the stories we know end with the words "Happily ever after," but sometimes the real challenge comes after we have been blessed or realized a dream. Or, sometimes, we find ourselves in challenging new circumstances. How do we find and follow a path of faith when fear seems to overshadow us? If you've ever asked the question, "Now what?" join us as we explore the power of choosing a life of faith over a life of fear.

*Image from the movie Wall-E, Disney/Pixar, 2008.*



**Worship Leader:** Kai Marks  
**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:**

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think...about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself...with what is still possible for you to do.” --Pope John XXIII

**OPENING HYMN:** #126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### Connecting within Our Community

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:** “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen. Performed by Beverly Morgan

**JOYS AND SORROWS:** Solveig Zarubin

**MEDITATION:** Solveig Zarubin

#### Deepening

**SERMON:** “At the Crossroads of Faith and Fear”  
Kai Marks

#### Returning to Life in Service

**CLOSING SONG:** #318 “We Would Be One”

**EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME:** Kai Marks

*“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:** Kai Marks

*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:** Martha Beetley

**Projection:** Cyndi Williamson

**Video Recording:** Susie Idzik

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

**Sound:** Greg Stovall

**Social Hour Host:** Martha Beetley

**Website Support:** Crystal Valdez-Chandra

**Grounds Crew:** Leslie & David Vallerga

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

**Announcements:** Polly Ragusa

### **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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