

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

The Color of Racism: White Supremacy Culture in Unitarian Universalism January 17, 2021

Racism is a dominant aspect of our North American culture and has become prominent in our public consciousness due to the recurring injustices experienced by people of color within our Criminal Justice system. This worship will explore white supremacy culture and how the resulting racism impacts us as individuals, our religious communities and our wider culture.

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Worship Associate: John Kim

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen

Pianist: Larry Chinn



Hanna Barczyk / for NBC News

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

Gathering of our Community

WELCOME: John Kim

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson

We, bearers of the dream, affirm that a new vision of hope is emerging.

We pledge to work for a community in which justice is actively present.

We affirm that there is struggle yet ahead.

Yet we know that in the struggle is the hope for the future.

We affirm that we are co-creators of the future, not passive pawns.

And we stand united in affirmation of our hope and vision of a just and inclusive society.

- Loretta Williams

HYMN: #153 "Oh, I Woke Up this Morning"

Connecting within Our Community

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

MEDITATION: Rev. Brian Ferguson

REFLECTION: Sequoia High School Dream Club Member

HYMN: #95 "There is More Love Somewhere"

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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Bruce Knoth

Today's Share the Plate Recipient is [Sequoia High School Dream Club](#) whose mission is to create limitless educational opportunities for undocumented students. "Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams - Harry Barris, Ted Koehler & Billy Moll"

Deepening

REFLECTION: John Kim

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Eye on the Prize" - trad., performed by Dawn Reyen

SERMON: "The Color of Racism: White Supremacy Culture in UU" - Rev. Brian Ferguson

SPECIAL MUSIC: "A Bridge is Stronger than a Wall" - Emily Feld, performed by Dawn Reyen

SERMON CONTINUED

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING HYMN: #1020 "Woyaya"

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: 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: Sharon and Gregory Gee

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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