

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Dance in the Desert, Bring Your Tambourine January 31, 2021

The new year starts with renewed energy and purpose, even in a pandemic. Drawing upon scripture, spiritual practice, and original music, Unitarian Universalist Rev. Erin Walter will reflect on how to foster joy and gratitude in the midst of our ongoing struggles.

Worship Leader: Rev. Erin J. Walter

Worship Associate: Kathy Warne

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen



Three Tambourine Dancers by Theodore Chasseriau

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

Gathering of our Community

PRELUDE: “Wake Me Up” by Parker Woodland, performed by Rev. Erin Walter

WELCOME: Kathy Warne

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Kathy Warne

Fire consumes, and casts a bright light.

May our chalice flame consume our regrets for the past,

our fears about the future, and our worries about today.

May it light for us a path of joy and peace.

--Debra Burrell

CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Erin Walter

OPENING HYMN: “Shine on Me” traditional spiritual, performed by Melanie DeMore

Connecting within Our Community

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Erin Walter

FEBRUARY ALL AGES ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS: Kathy Warne

MEDITATION: Rev. Erin Walter

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Kathy Warne/Dawn Reyen

Deepening

ANTHEM: “The World’s On Fire (and We Still Fall in Love)” by Parker Woodland, performed by Rev. Erin Walter

SERMON: “Dance in the Desert, Bring Your Tambourine” – Rev. Erin

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING HYMN: “How Can I Keep From Singing” NYC virtual choir and orchestra

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME: Kathy Warne

“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. Erin Walter

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: Rob Davis

Projection: Cyndi Williamson

Video Recording: Anna Dyer

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: John Kim

Social Hour Host: Rob Davis

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Grounds Crew: Rob Versluis & Dick Edminster

Sanctuary Video: Grant Huberty &
John Cooney

Announcements: Tovis Page

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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