

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Opening Our Hearts February 28, 2021

We make a living by what we earn, we make a life by what we give. Being generous of our time, energy, and money is a common emphasis of most religions. Generosity of Spirit is something that can be nurtured and grown. As we begin our Annual Pledge Campaign, this worship service will explore the spiritual theme of generosity and what it means for our support of this religious community.

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Worship Associate: Chris DeCardy

Sermon: Tovis Page

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen

Pianist: Larry Chinn



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

Gathering of our Community

WELCOME: Chris DeCardy

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson

*We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the many gifts in our lives.*

*We celebrate this community which challenges
each of us to open our hearts,*

*Opening our hearts to love, to kindness, to
compassion, to connection, and to generosity.*

*We are grateful for this community which holds
us with tender care and loving connection.*

*Spirit of this community, continue to open our
hearts to the challenges of our times,*

*by helping us respond with courageous action,
caring reflection, and loving hearts.*

- Rev. Brian Ferguson

HYMN: #1022 "Open the Window"

Led by Marianna Raymond

Connecting within Our Community

ALL AGES ACTIVITY FOR MARCH: Lillian Svec

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Graham Abra

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Rev. Brian Ferguson

"With A Song In My Heart" - Richard Rodgers & Lorenz Hart

*Special Share the Plate in response to the energy
and water crisis in Texas. The recipient is*

*[Dawaheals](#) which is an Austin-based, people of
color led organization whose mission is to provide
financial assistance for people of color who are
experiencing short-term life crisis.*

JOYS AND SORROWS: Chris DeCardy

MEDITATION: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Deepening

INTRODUCTION TO PLEDGE CAMPAIGN: Rev. Brian

COMMUNITY TESTIMONIAL: John Anning

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Open My Heart" - Henry S. Flurry
performed by Esther Ammon

REFLECTION: Chris DeCardy

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Open My Heart" - Henry S. Flurry
performed by UUFRC Choir, Jennifer Bahr-Davidson,
flute

SERMON: "Opening Our Hearts" - Tovis Page

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performed by UUFRC Choir

SERMON: "Opening Our Hearts" - Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING HYMN: #1017 "Building a New Way"

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: Elisabeth Rossi

Projection: Cyndi Williamson

Video Recording: Susie Idzik

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: Liz Davis

Social Hour Host: Elisabeth Rossi

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Grounds Crew: Leslie and David Vallerga

Sanctuary Video: Grant Huberty &
John Cooney

Announcements: Graham Abra

Testimonial: John Anning

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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