

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Learning to Love Your Neighbor as Yourself April 18, 2021

In reflecting on a year that has literally turned our lives upside down, how can we learn to find holiness in all moments of life, be it born out of loss or pain, or finding holiness in the mundane. Perhaps among the many lessons of living through a Pandemic, we must learn how to love each other once again, not only when tragedy strikes, but in the spaces between, too.

Worship Leader: Rabbi Corey Helfand

Worship Associate: Jeanne DeShazo

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen

Pianist: Larry Chinn



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

Gathering of our Community

WELCOME: Jeanne De Shazo

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Jeanne De Shazo

Grant us the wisdom to create new paradigms that will carry our tradition forward into the new world. Amen!

Grant us the compassion to empathize with the forgotten, the mourners, the disenfranchised, the sick, the homeless, the anxiety-ridden, the disabled, the unloved and uncared for individuals, and about us, the masses of humanity that grapple with desperation and hopelessness. Amen!

Enlighten our minds so that we may compose new prayers to stir our tired hearts, to awaken new tears in dry eyes, to move our all too comfortable consciences, and thus may we be moved to inscribe our own letters, perhaps even a word or two, in the eternal Book of Life.

Amen!

--Rabbi Marshall Meyer

MUSIC: #1064 Blue Boat Home

Connecting within Our Community

APRIL ALL AGES ACTIVITY SLIDE SHOW

“Grapevine” by Wayne Burdick

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Lillian Svec, *EarthDance* by Joanne Ryder, Illustrated by Norman Gorbaty

AUCTION VIDEO

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Board Member

MEDITATION: Rabbi Corey Helfand

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Jeanne De Shazo and Carrie DuBois

Today's Share the Plate Recipient is NAMI of San Mateo County whose mission is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy.

“Love Thy Neighbor” by Mack Gordon & Harry Revel

Deepening

SPECIAL MUSIC: **Al Shlosha** music by Allan E. Naplan, words from Pirkei Avot; UUFRC choir
The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.

LEARNING TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF:
Rabbi Corey Helfand

Returning to Life in Service

MUSIC: #212 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME: Jeanne De Shazo

“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: Rabbi Corey Helfand

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: Lee Rossi

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Sound: Greg Stovall

Social Hour Host: Elisabeth Rossi

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Grounds Crew: Sharon & Gregory Gee

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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