

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

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Defying Expectations, Overcoming Limitations September 12, 2021

Some of our greatest limitations are those we place on ourselves. Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho says “It’s the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting.” What dream do you have for yourself, our country or our religious community which if it became a reality would defy your expectations? This worship service will explore the possibilities for our future as a religious community.

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Worship Associate: Liz Davis

Musical Director: Dawn Reyen

Pianist: Larry Chinn



Art by Mel Kadel

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

Gathering of our Community

CHORAL WELCOME: “Come, Come,
Whoever You Are”
music by Lynn Ungar and words by Rumi
performed by UUFRC Choir

WELCOME: Liz Davis

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson

*May this flame cast its light
toward the coming days,
reminding us that “the future
is not simply a place we are going,
but a place we are creating.”
The path of new possibilities will not be
found, but made.
A new world is waiting to be built.
May our time together light the way.*
- Rev. Scott Taylor

OPENING HYMN: #360 “Here We Have
Gathered”

Connecting within Our Community

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Rev. Brian Ferguson

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chris Stovall

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson & Liz Davis

Deepening

PRAYER: Rev. Brian Ferguson

REFLECTION: Liz Davis

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Liz Davis
“Dreamsville” by Henry Mancini, Jay Livingston & Ray
Evans
performed by Larry Chinn

REFLECTION: “Defying Expectations,
Overcoming Limitations”
- Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

CLOSING HYMN: #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

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/community/giving/>

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.

Zoom Manager: Greg Stovall

Video Manager: John Cooney

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Video Production Support: Larry Chinn

Slide Production: Steve Hill

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Online Host: Rob Davis

Grounds Crew: Nick Kibre & John Kim

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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