

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Hospitality and Our First Principle

October 10, 2021

When we talk about the need to become more diverse, inclusive, and equitable at a basic level we are talking about hospitality. How do we learn new practices of hospitality for our congregations and our ministries? How is the idea of recognizing past wrongs an extension of this hospitality?



Worship Leaders: Mr. Woullard Lett, Rev. Ben Meyers
& Rev. Brian Ferguson

Musical Directors: Dawn Reyen & Joel Chapman

Pianists: Larry Chinn & Paul Zawilski

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

Gathering of our Community

RINGING OF BELL: Rev. Brian Ferguson

WELCOME SONG: #361 “Enter, Rejoice,
and Come In”
led by Dawn Reyen

WELCOME: Rev. Brian Ferguson

LIGHTING THE CHALICE/LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Mr. Woullard Lett and
Rev. Ben Meyers

Blessed are we who gather with open hearts,
together, in this space, today.

*Blessed are we: the chalice-lighters of
resistance, justice, love, and faith.*

Blessed are we: the heretics, the outcasts, the
walkers of our own way.

*Blessed are we: the border-crossers, the
refugees, the immigrants, the poor, the
wanderers who are not lost.*

Blessed are we: the transgressors, the
trespassers, the passers-by, the cause-takers, the
defiant, the compliant.

*Blessed are we: the hand-extenders, the
sign-makers, the protestors, the protectors.*

Blessed are we: the trans women, the trans men,
the non-binary, the cisgender, the multigender,
the no gender.

*Blessed are we: the friend, the stranger, the
lonely, the hidden, the visible, the authentic.*

Blessed are we who rise in solidarity, blessed are
we who cannot, blessed are we who do not.

*Blessed are we for this is our Beloved
Community, and this is who we are.*

- Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

HYMN: #360 “Here We Have Gathered”
led by Dawn Reyen

Connecting within Our Community

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jeanne De Shazo

JOYS AND SORROWS: Rev. Brian Ferguson

PASTORAL PRAYER: Rev. Ben Meyers

Deepening

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: “Love Walked In” - George &
Ira Gershwin - performed by Larry Chinn

READING: Excerpt from “Where Do We Go From
Here” by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Read by Rev. Ben Meyers

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“A Civil Rights Necrology” by Eric Tuan
performed by UUSM Choir

SERMON: “Hospitality and Our First Principle”
- Mr. Woullard Lett

Returning to Life in Service

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Rev. Brian Ferguson
“The Wayfaring Stranger” - traditional
performed by Larry Chinn

CALL TO ACTION: Rev. Ben Meyers

CLOSING HYMN: “I Know I Can”
performed by Joel Chapman

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 hybrid 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: Martha Beetley

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Video Manager: Greg Stovall

Music Support: Dawn Reyen, Larry Chinn & Paul Zawilski

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Grounds Crew: Nick Kibre & John Kim

Video Production Support: Larry Chinn & Joel Chapman

Announcements: Jeanne De Shazo

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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