

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

## Exploring “Right” Relationship October 24, 2021

Religion can be complicated and Unitarian Universalism in particular is difficult to talk about succinctly and clearly. In some ways, we are trying to expand our western idea of what religion is and at the heart of our religious movement is the desire to be in “Right” Relationship. This worship service will explore our desire to be in “right” relationship with ourselves, those around us, and our environment.



**Worship Leader:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**Worship Associate:** Chris DeCardy

**Musical Director:** Dawn Reyen

**Pianist:** Larry Chinn

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

### Gathering of our Community

**RINGING OF BELL:** Chris DeCardy

**CHORAL WELCOME:**

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

**WELCOME:** Chris DeCardy

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

In this sacred place, we need not be alone. We seek a listening ear, a warm heart, open arms.

*In this sacred place, we join together against the waves of negativity and oppression in our world.*

We are a community of individual beings, living our own lives, yet coming together now and then in joyous celebration of Spirit and one another.

*Our differences do not divide us; rather, they are a source of interest and discovery. We need not think alike to love alike.*

Here, joys are shared, and sorrows comforted. We are Seen and Heard and Believed.

*Our compassion overflows; our hearts reach for others.*

We are a gathering of like-hearted people, and here are our hearts filled. We hear the wisdom and counsel of one another.

*We have much to learn from each other, so many different colors of truth and ways and methods.*

In this sacred place, may we find what our spirits desire, and what our spirits need. May we be grounded in love and sharing.

*In this sacred place, may we find acceptance and consideration. May our actions and words echo what we learn here.*

- Lorelei Greenwood-Jones

**HYMN:** #113 “Where is Our Holy Church”  
Led by Dawn Reyen

### Connecting within Our Community

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Peter Hartzell

**JOYS AND SORROWS:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**PRAYER:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:** Chris DeCardy  
“Come Rain or Come Shine”  
by Harold Arlen & Johnny Mercer  
performed by Larry Chinn

### Deepening

**REFLECTION:** Chris DeCardy

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “You Raise Me Up” by  
Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland  
performed by UUFRC Choir

**SERMON:** “Exploring ‘Right’ Relationship”  
- Rev. Brian Ferguson

### Returning to Life in Service

**HYMN:** #131 “Love Will Guide Us”  
Led by Dawn Reyen

**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 outdoor social time or 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://facebook.com/uufrc)), visit our website ([RedwoodCityUU.org](https://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:** Anna Dyer

**Video Manager:** Rob Davis

**Sound Manager:** Liz Davis

**Website Support:** Crystal Valdez-Chandra

**Video Production Support:** Larry Chinn

**Center of Interest:** Sally Mentzer & DeeDee Stovel

**Slide Production:** Crystal Valdez-Chandra

**Music Support:** Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

**Announcements:** Peter Hartzell

**Grounds Crew:** Leslie & David Vallerga

**Vaccination Checkers & Greeters:** Gwen Leonard & Beetley

### **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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