

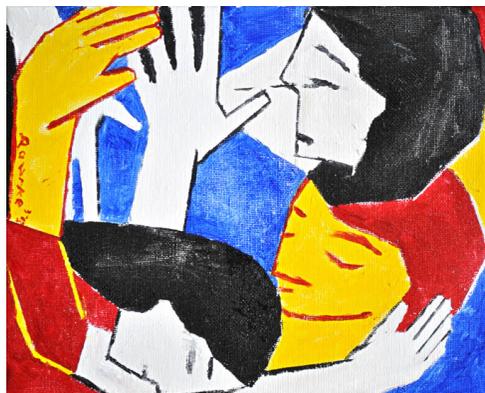
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Accountability for Our History November 21, 2021

Racism continues to be a pervasive problem in our culture and Critical Race Theory has become a divisive issue in our country and within our Religious Movement. This worship service will explore what Critical Race Theory is, what can it mean to our religious community, and how can it be useful in addressing racism today?

Worship Leader: Rev. Brian Ferguson
Worship Associate: Tracey Fecher
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: Tracey Fecher

CHORAL WELCOME: #389 "Gathered Here"
performed by UUFRC Choir

WELCOME: Tracey Fecher

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Rev. Brian Ferguson
*We light our flaming chalice as a beloved people
united in love*

and thirsting for restorative justice.

*May it melt away the tethers that uphold
whiteness in our midst.*

May it spark in us a spirit of humility.

*May it ignite in us radical love that transforms our
energy into purposeful action.*

This a chalice of audacious hope.

*This chalice shines a light on our shared past,
signaling our intention to listen deeply,
reflect wisely,*

and move boldly toward our highest ideals.

- Rev. Rebekah Savage

HYMN: #1010 "We Give Thanks"
2nd verse replace time with faith
3rd verse replace time with hope
Led by Dawn Reyen

Connecting within Our Community

ALL AGES ACTIVITY SLIDE SHOW
Slides by Erika Pretell

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Polly Ragusa

JOYS AND SORROWS: Tracey Fecher &
Rev. Brian Ferguson

PRAYER: Rev. Brian Ferguson

Deepening

REFLECTION: Tracey Fecher

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Keep Your Lamps"
arrangement by Andre Thomas
performed by UUFRC Choir

SERMON: "Accountability for Our History"
- Rev. Brian Ferguson

Returning to Life in Service

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Joan Vaughan
Today's Share the Plate recipient is Faith in Action Bay Area, faithinactionba.org, whose purpose is to develop leaders, promote civic engagement, and amplify faith values, in order to confront power and change systems. Their vision is a world in which all people receive the respect, justice, and opportunity they deserve.

Nani Friedman, Community Organizer for San Mateo County will join us to share about their work.

"De Colores" - traditional

performed by Marianna Raymond & Amy French

HYMN: #168 "One More Step"
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 socializing 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), 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: Jen Bahr-Davidson

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Video Production Support: Larry Chinn

Center of Interest: Reilly DeCardy

Slide Production: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Music Support: Dawn Reyen & Larry Chinn

Announcements: Polly Ragusa

Grounds Crew: Sharon & Gregory Gee

Vaccination Checkers & Greeters: DeeDee Stovel & Sally Mentzer

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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