

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City and the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo

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'...by another way...'

December 26, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Ben Meyers

Worship Associates: Jeanne DeShazo

Pianist: Paul Zawilski

Chat Host: Tom Newman



Please silence all electronic devices and join us at this moment

Gathering

PRELUDE: Mr. Paul Zawilski, piano LIVE

CHORAL WELCOME: "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" Performed by Bev Morgan with Larry Chinn on piano

RINGING OF BELL: Rev. Ben Meyers

MUSIC: ["It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"](#)
Performed by UUSM BRASS CHOIR

WORDS OF WELCOME: Rev. Ben Meyers
"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

LIGHTING THE CHALICE: Jeanne De Shazo
*"We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest
for truth and meaning, in celebration of the
life we share together."*
--Christine Robinson

SONG: [#123 "Spirit of Life"](#) UUSM CHOIR

Connecting

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tavis Page

EMBRACING MEDITATION/JOYS AND SORROWS:
Rev. Ben Meyers

PASTORAL PRAYER: Rev. Ben Meyers

Deepening

INTERLUDE: "We Three Kings" arr. John Carter
Played by Paul Zawilski, Piano

READING: Matthew 2:1-12, read by Jeanne De Shazo

SERMON: "...by another way..."

-- Rev. Ben Meyers

Returning

OFFERING: Jeanne De Shazo
*Special Collection for relief aid to UU Village of Ulay,
UUSM's partner church, victims of Typhoon Odette/Rei.*

OFFERTORY: "Personent Hodie" arr. John Carter
Played by Paul Zawilski, Piano

ONE JUST THING: Rev. Ben Meyers

CLOSING SONG: [#1008 "When Our Heart is in a Holy Place"](#)
Performed by UUSM CHOIR

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*

BLESSING: Rev. Ben Meyers

"Be ye lamps..." - Guatama Buddha

POSTLUDE: Paul Zawilski, piano

Thank you for joining us. Please stay after the service for virtual coffee.

**Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City and Unitarian
Universalists of San Mateo**

If you would like more information about these liberal religious congregations, check out the Facebook pages (@uufrc and @uusanmateo), or visit our websites (uufrc.org and uusanmateo.org) for news and events, and 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 calendars on our websites. We want to connect with you, so call or send a message through our website, send a message in the online chat, or stop by to introduce yourself in person.

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/> or to <https://www.uusanmateo.org/give>.

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: John Hanju Kim

Video Manager: John Cooney

Audio Manager: Steve Hill

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Video Production Support: Larry Chinn &
Joel Chapman

Center of Interest: Lillian Svec and Wayne
Burdick

Slide Production: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Music Support: Dawn Reyen, Larry Chinn, Paul
Zawilski & Joel Chapman

Announcements: Tovis Page

Grounds Crew: Leslie and David Vallerga

***Vaccination Checkers
& Greeters*** Alex Stagner, Beth Eggers

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.

Mission Statement UUSM:

We are a religious community of open hearts and open minds, working together to transform ourselves and the world.

MINISTERS: UUFRC: Rev. Brian Ferguson: ministeratuufrc@gmail.com, 650-365-1426

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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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