

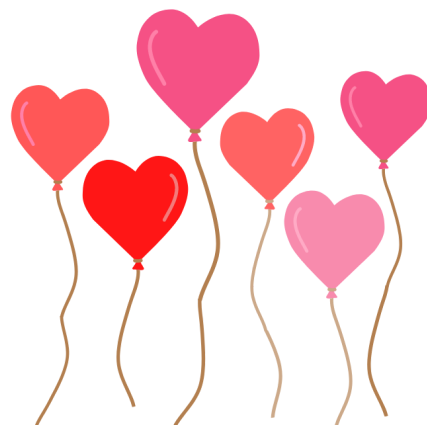
# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

## Lifting Our Hearts with Love, Hope, and Balloons

April 10, 2022

As we begin our spring pledge campaign, we will consider the purpose of our religious community and its future. Rev. Brian's perspective is that religious community should be incubators of hope and nurturers of love. This worship service may involve some clever use of balloons to explore how UUFRC can spread love and hope to our world.



**Worship Leader:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**Worship Associate:** Jeanne De Shazo

**Musical Director:** Dawn Reyen

**Pianist:** Larry Chinn

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

### Gathering of our Community

**RINGING OF BELL:** Jeanne De Shazo

**CHORAL WELCOME:** "Come, Come"  
- performed by UUFRC Choir

**WELCOME:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE:** Jeanne De Shazo  
*We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude  
as we celebrate the many gifts in our lives.*

*We celebrate this community which helps us  
to lift our hearts from life's struggles,*

*Opening our hearts to love, to kindness, to  
compassion, to connection, and to generosity.*

*We are grateful for this community which  
holds us with tender care and loving  
connection.*

*Spirit of this community, continue to open our  
hearts to the challenges of our times,*

*by helping us respond with courageous  
action, caring reflection, and loving hearts.*

- Rev. Brian Ferguson

**HYMN:** #44 "We Sing of Golden Mornings"

### Connecting within Our Community

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chris Stovall

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

**PRAYER:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**HYMN:** #95 "There is More Love Somewhere"

### Deepening

**REFLECTION:** "What I Learned from Balloons"  
- Rev. Brian Ferguson

**TESTIMONIAL:** Debbie Mytels

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:** Jeanne De Shazo  
*"With a Smile and a Song"*  
- Frank Churchill  
performed by Dawn Reyen

**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:** Jen Bahr-Davidson

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "This We Ask"  
Performed by the UUFRC Choir

**REFLECTION:** Jeanne De Shazo

**SONG:** #355 "We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks"

**REFLECTION:** "Lifting Our Hearts with Love  
and Hope"  
- Rev. Brian Ferguson

### Returning to Life in Service

**SONG:** #1014 "Answering the Call of Love"  
led by Dawn Reyen

**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

**CLOSING WORDS:** Rev. Brian Ferguson

**POSTLUDE:** Dawn Reyen, piano

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*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](https://facebook.com/uufrc)), visit our website ([uufrc.org](https://www.uufrc.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

**Video Manager:** John Cooney

**Audio Manager:** Greg Stovall

**Website Support:** Crystal Valdez-Chandra

**Video Production:** Larry Chinn

**Moca Team:** Team 3: Danielle Stagner, Annie Tate, Bev Spiker, & Tom Hagler

**Slide Production:** Crystal Valdez-Chandra

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

**Announcements:** Chris Stovall

**Grounds Crew:** Nick Kibre & Hanju Kim

**Center of Interest:** Anna and Brett Dyer

**Vaccine Checkers & Greeters:** Gwen Leonard & Alex Stagner

### **Vision Statement UUFRC**

A community of spiritual growth, compassion, and justice

### **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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