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Please Join Our Hybrid In-person and Zoom Sunday Worship Service at 11:00AM Hosted by UU Coastside.

Worship streaming is through [UUCC YouTube Channel](#).

****For more information, please refer to the new [MailChimp campaign](#) sent out on March 3rd titled "Sunday Services are Back in the Sanctuary" and our [COVID Safety Policy](#).****

As Beautiful as the Last Summer Flowers: Ambiguous Loss and New Hope.

Coined by therapist Pauline Boss, ambiguous loss refers to a decline in relationship whose onset is either gradual or seems temporary. In this talk, Bill deploys this concept to consider our collective emotional journey during the Pandemic. In so doing, he draws from the poetry of Kwame Dawes and concepts of Jewish spirituality. And the healing Bill uncovers blossoms from its own paradox.

Worship Speaker: Bill Heavlin

Bill is one of UUCC's favorite lay speakers. Integral to the production of UUCC's online Zoom services, he has taken on every role possible. At work, Bill is part of Google's Applied Science team, functioning as a research statistician. At home, Bill enjoys hiking Coastal trails, painting watercolors, and feeding wild backyard birds.

This live in-person service takes place at Odd Fellows Hall, [526 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019](#). As a reminder, UUCC requests proof of vaccination and booster for those who attend our in-person services to protect our cherished seniors who attend. We will also be using an abundance of caution by requiring mask wearing for churchgoers throughout the service, with the exception of those actively speaking at the front of the room. Since May, with our mask protocols in place, no one attending our in-person services at Odd Fellows Hall has caught COVID.

To join the in-person service, please refer to the [COVID Safety Policy](#) before coming to the building.

To join the Zoom service, follow the directions below to join:

1. Please open the [Service Stream](#) page at least five minutes prior to the service.
2. If a window pops up asking if you want to download [Zoom.us](#), click "Yes".
3. Check your speakers and volume to make sure you can hear audio through your computer.
4. You might want to adjust the lighting around you so that we can see your lovely face.
5. Everyone will be automatically muted when they join the service.
6. A member of the Communications Committee will be on chat if you need technical assistance.

Looking for previous services? Check the [video archive](#).

Thank you to our wonderful weekly volunteers:

Zoom Manager: Greg Stovall

Video Manager: Greg Stovall

Sound Manager: Greg Stovall

Website Support: Crystal Valdez-Chandra

Video Production Support: Larry Chinn

Grounds Crew: Peter Hartzell, Jonelle Preisser

Greeters: Martha Beetley and Jen Gill

Meetings and Events (click on the event link for additional information)

Social Action Committee, Sunday, 08/07, 12:00 PM, Virtual Meeting, Contact [Kaye Bonney](#)

Book Group, Monday, 08/08, 7:30 PM, Virtual Meeting, Contact [Kaye Bonney](#)

The Learning Journey Committee Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, 08/09, 6:00 PM, Virtual Meeting, Contact [Julia Mogilev](#)

2nd Tuesday Covenant Group, Tuesday, 08/09, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting, Contact [Elizabeth Chitouras](#)

2nd Tuesday Covenant Group, Tuesday, 08/09, 7:00 PM, Offsite/Other: Location listed in description, Contact [Liz Davis](#)

Newcomer Welcome Circles, Wednesday, 08/10, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting, Contact [Jen Gill](#)

Worship Committee, Wednesday, 08/10, 7:00 PM, Front Lounge, Contact [Worship Committee](#)

Youth & Family Activities

What to Expect This Summer

In the summer we take a partial recess for July and August. The plan for this summer is that there will be live, in-person services weekly through the end of June and restarting

on August 14th. Rev. Brian has the month of July off. From July 3 until August 14, UUFRC, UUSM and UU Coastside will work cooperatively to present services. UUFRC will have a live service in our sanctuary July 24. On the other Sundays the church will be open and services from our partner congregations will be livestreamed in the sanctuary for you to enjoy.

Childcare / Religious Education

Childcare in the Block Room for Ages 2 through 1st Grade Alumni

Childcare continues every Sunday through the summer whether there is a live service or a livestreamed service. Vaccinated children and youth are always welcome in the worship service. Childcare is provided for the benefit of parents.

- Available weekly during Sunday worship services 10:15 –11:45 am.
- Masks required

If you have questions about childcare please contact [Alex Stagner](#), Program Council, Chair

Religious Education

Our RE (Religious Education) classes have now concluded for the 2021-22 church year.

What to Expect on Sunday Mornings Next Fall

We are excited to pioneer a new Sunday morning model beginning in September. Half of our Sundays, called "Full Service Sundays," will continue to look similar to what we do now: an hour long worship service with RE (religious education) classes for children and youth. Twice a month, new "Action Sundays" will begin with a shorter worship service for all ages, followed by a choice of activities. Imagine our social hall and other rooms filled with vibrant programs ranging from discussion and meditation circles to social action and art or worship projects, all related to a monthly theme and our UU Principles and values. The goal is to offer choices that appeal to different learning preferences and ages, and there will always be options for our virtual participants. Paid educators will teach RE classes twice monthly and will mentor and supervise children and youth on Action Sundays. Block Room supervision will be available for younger children during all programs.

If you have questions about next fall please contact [Maeve Knoth](#), Sunday Implementation Committee, Chair

Of Congregational Interest

August 6 at noon - Virtual Fundraiser for Center for Common

Ground Democracy Center in Georgia - Many of us have been writing postcards and phonebanking to community of color voters in Southern states with the Center for Common Ground (CFCG) Reclaim Our Vote campaign. CFCG was a Share the Plate recipient in 2020. CFCG also supports 11 Democracy Centers in Black communities that offer voter engagement and education year round. When Nancy Goodban was in Atlanta a couple of weeks ago, she visited the Democracy Center in Hawkinsville, Georgia. It is a small rural community 2 hours south of Atlanta, with a confederate statue two blocks down the main street from the Democracy Center. The Democracy Center needs a new HVAC system and we are trying to help them raise the funds. We set up a wonderful

Zoom party to hear from the leaders there. RSVP at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/virtual-fundraiser-for-hawkinsville-democracy-center-august-6-2022> (or donate directly at <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/hvac-for-hawkinsville-democracy-center/>)

August 13 at 1 pm - FxSMC Summer Picnic - Join Fixin' San Mateo County for a family friendly summer picnic at Los Prados Park, [1837 Bahia St, San Mateo](#). RSVP at FixinSMC.org/summer2022

Get Out the Vote Writing Party, Sunday, 08/14, Noon-2 PM, Social Hall and Outside.

Writing letters and postcards to voters are among the most effective ways to help increase election turnout. These letters encourage citizens to vote and prior elections have demonstrated their effectiveness. The Social Action Committee is hosting a writing party after in person services on Sunday, August 14. We will provide healthy snacks and, if the weather is clement, we will move some tables outside.

The work is simple. For each letter, you write a sentence or two about why you vote and then address, stamp, and seal the envelope. For each postcard, you copy the text provided, add a few decorative embellishments of your own, and then address and stamp the card. The Social Action Committee provides everything you need but donations are welcome. A packet of 20 letters, envelopes, and stamps costs \$13.00. Twenty postcards and stamps costs \$8.00

Children are welcome to help apply stamps, decorate postcards, and seal envelopes.

Summer Pastoral Care Concerns

As Rev. Brian will be out of town for July and part of August, please contact the Pastoral Care Team if you have a sorrow or concern and you would like someone to contact you for a supportive conversation. We can be reached at pastoralcare@uufrc.org. Our current team members are: Gregory Gee and Beth Harrison, co-chairs; Esther Ammon, Beth Eggers, Barbie Laderman-Jones, Sally Mentzer, and Bill Welch

Ways You Can Help

AmazonSmile customers can now support the Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City

In the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

How to Shop AmazonSmile using desk or laptop while shopping at Amazon:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials

3. Choose **Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City** as the charitable organization to receive donations, or search for **Unitarian Fellowship of Redwood City** as the charity of your choice.
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

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