Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

Building character, enriching spirits, promoting community, and serving humankind through spiritual growth and social action.

Worship Service January 12, 2025

Whirlwind of History

zoom link: 865 3486 1377

Layled Service

Prelude #361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Our Fellowship stands on land that is today called Berkeley, California, located in the unceded territory of the Ohlone People. We honor them today and always for their wisdom and resilience.

Opening Words

Unison Chalice Lighting

Let love be the spirit of this congregation and service its goal. This is our living covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truths in life, and to help one another.

Lighting the Red Candle

We light the red candle to mourn Black life taken by police and state violence, to proclaim that Black lives matter, and to express our commitment to Black liberation, reparations, and the end of slave capitalism.
--adapted by Ira and Aïsha-Linnaea

Hymn "Silence" performed by Tom Rudderow and others

Meditation and Prayer

Joys and Sorrows / Stones and Water Ritual

Metta Meditation

*May **I** be safe. May **I** be well. May **I** know joy. May **I** be free.*
(you; they; all)

Hymn With a Little Help From My Friends p. 68 in Rise Up Singing

Thanks and Announcements

Sharing of Responsibility

January Plate Partner: Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund
Donations may be sent by mailed check to 1606 Bonita, Berkeley, 94709 or via PayPal to

sustain@bfuu.org, or directly to plate partner via the link to their website.

Offering Dedication

To the work of this Fellowship, which is creating beloved community within and beyond these walls, we dedicate ourselves and these our offerings.

In-Gathering Ceremony

Celebration

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish the flame of this chalice, but not the
warmth of love, the light of truth or the energy of service
These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.

Closing Circle

(Reach out in your heart to take the hands of the people beside you.)

We, the members of the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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