

Worship Service Roundup: November 15

Friends,

Thanks for a wonderful session with Andrea Durham teaching us about Diwali and its celebration in UU spaces. May the light within all of us shine out this week! Please see below for information on re-watching the service, news about Rev. W. Chester McCall, and a Zoom meeting tonight. More information on Friday night gatherings will be coming later this week.

Rewatch the Diwali Service here: <https://boxcast.tv/view/worship-with-usg-diwali-2020-oifaytcvudxvgh8i12gi>

Diwali Coloring Pages for All Ages:
<https://usg2020.s3.amazonaws.com/Diwali+Coloring+pages.pdf>

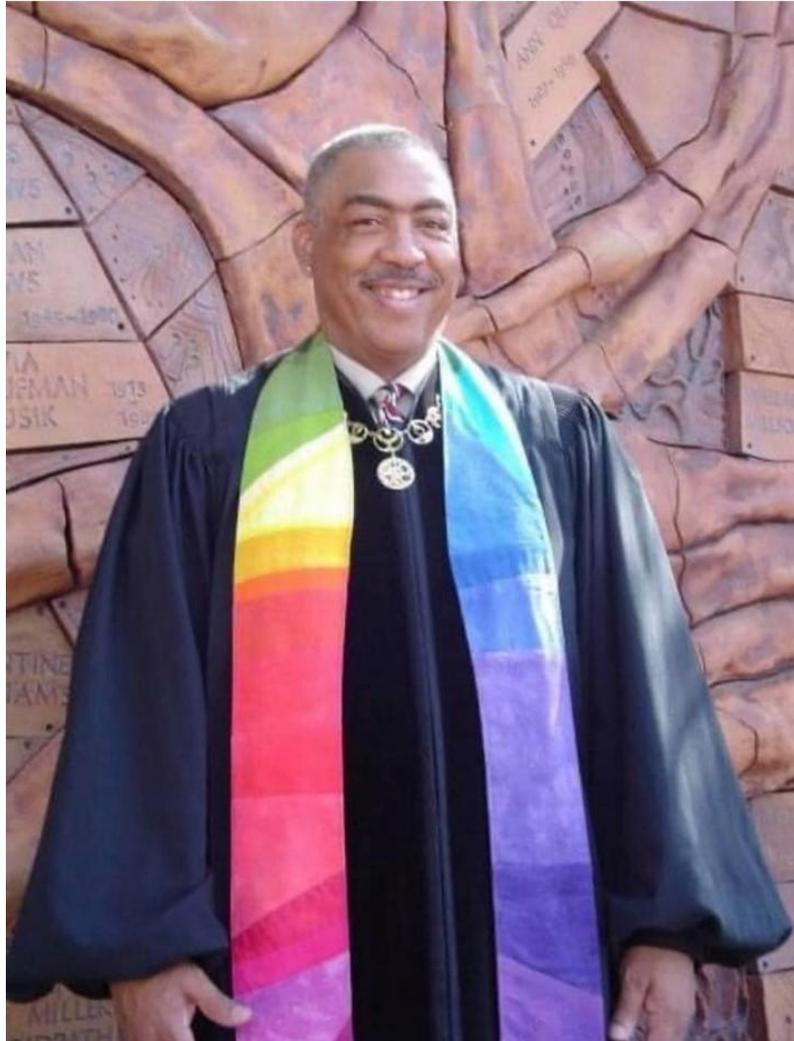
Sad News about Rev. Chester McCall

After a short time in palliative care, the Reverend Chester McCall passed away on Monday around 2pm Pacific in California. He had been in the ICU with pulmonary complications, and made it clear he did not want any life-preserving measures like a ventilator to be used to prolong his life. His partner Craig, and of course Darryl and his sister were present with precautions. Chester meant so much to so many, especially as a longtime Chaplain in DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries). He was the first African-American minister at Restoration, and served this congregation from 2004-2008.

From Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons:

"I so appreciated learning from him as a lay leader and later seminarian. His personal journey to Southern Oregon, organizing Black Student Unions, becoming UU, and leading multicultural ministries from coast to coast. He preached my ordination with Robette Dias years and years ago. This is a big heartbreak. Holding us all in grief and peace."

We haven't received word about memorial services, or where to send condolences, but **Restoration will have an open Zoom meeting tonight at 7pm for anyone to stop by and share about Chester.** We'll try to have more information by then.



Chester at First UU San Diego, CA

Joys and Concerns

KP: Prayers and love for Keith K as he recovers and begins to feel better.

Lela B: I saw my stepdad on Friday right before quarantine started again. He recognized me for the first time in a long while. It was such a gift.

Janice R: My mom is getting surgery on Tuesday to remove a cancerous spot from her lung. Thank you all for your prayers, love and light.

Portia H: Prayers for Rev. Chester McCall in palliative care. Lift him up in prayer. Cynthia B. let me know.

Elisa: My daughter Nina is moving back to Philly today from Detroit.

Chelsea C: My sister-in-law's father, Fred, will be having open-heart surgery this week. Please hold space for him and his recovery.

Bernadette: Sending light and healing to all mentioned and unmentioned today and those in need... may the surgeries go well for Janice's mom and Fred. Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

Annabel: My niece Heather is awaiting the birth of her first child, we are all waiting for the arrival of a new family member.

Mary L: I am awaiting the birth of my second great grandson, hopefully today.

Holly J: Love and healing to all suffering or awaiting surgery - keeping all in prayer. May we all be the light!!

Sandy F: When we consider the marvels of the world's diversity--which this service has displayed in joy--it makes me pity the narrow white male supremacists who have not known this.

That's it for now. Hang in there, y'all. Please reach out to talk if you're feeling burnout, loneliness, seasonal depression, or just the blues

Love,
Rev. McKinley