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• A Welcoming Congregation •

Dear Friends,

I don't like to talk about money. I can get quiet when the subject of pledging comes up; many of us do. While some of us easily put together our pledge contribution and are happily done, it is not so easy for others. Some fear judgement for not offering enough, some feel very private about the size of their gift; they do not want to be recognized or thanked. We don't want people to think less of us because of what we do or do not pledge. I get it, I live with that truth too. If you recognize yourself in any of these descriptions, I thank you. Thank you for whatever process you go through to make your pledge. I don't like to talk *about* money, but I am happy to talk about how we *use* money. At Starr King UU Fellowship we use our collective resources to fulfill our mission to *cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world*.

Your pledge is used to *cultivate more love in the world* through justice work and community engagement, from reproductive justice to climate action. We study, we support, we work to make our community a better place. We have offered comprehensive human sexuality education through Our Whole Lives classes to our own youth and youth beyond our Fellowship. We provide care for people in great need through the minister's discretionary fund. We care for our own in times of loss and times of stress. We help our children understand that they are valuable members of our community and work to help them grow into their whole selves. None of this happens without our Director of Religious Education, Grace Kennedy, who loves your children. It doesn't happen without our office administrator, Taphi Janelle, who keeps the office running smoothly, keeps the schedule and oversees communications, and so much more. It doesn't happen without your minister to oversee the staff, organize volunteers, and provide context and support for the justice work, services, and care.

Your pledge is used to *nurture more love for the world* through all the ways we remind one another that the world is indeed beautiful and infused with meaning. We do this with music through choir, congregational singing, guest musicians, and our beloved music director, Sarah Dan Jones. We do this in our worship services as we practice and consider how to bring our best selves to the world, explore hard questions, laugh, cry, and simply be present with one another. We nurture more love for the world when we engage in Soul Matters where we meet and explore a topic that brings us to our authentic selves and each other. And, when we lose someone, we gather and remember with love all the love they brought into the world. We mourn and celebrate together.

So, while you may not engage in all the programming or all the ways that people participate in our community, your pledge does. We are entirely supported by the people of our Fellowship. I thank you for that., You make all the difference as you nurture more love in the world and cultivate more love for the world.

With faith and love,

Rev. Linda