

# Red River Unitarian Universalists

## The Morning Program for June 14, 2020

*Optimism is a shallow virtue. Hope is different. It's deeper. It digs into the resources of our collective will to be better. Hope begets hope.*  
~ Reinhold Niebuhr

Tibetan Bowl ..... *calls us to attention*

The Challenge ..... from *Tears We Cannot Stop*  
Michael Eric Dyson

Gathering Together ..... *I Wish I Knew how to Feel to be Free*  
Words & Music: Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas  
Soloist: Nina Simone

Chalice Lighting

The Prologue ..... from *How to be an Antiracist*  
Ibram X. Kendi

Video ..... *Poor People's Assembly & Moral March*  
June2020.org

The Invitation ..... *To the People Who Have Mistaken Freedom for Liberation*  
Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Musical Interlude ..... *We Laugh, We Cry*  
Words & music: Shelly Jackson Denham  
Soloist: Linli Wang

A Musing ..... *This Essential Work of Justice & Liberation for All*  
Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Our Affirmation

*Love is the spirit of this church .. and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant .. to dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in freedom .. and to help one another*

Sermon ..... *I Can't Breathe*  
the Rev Abhi Jamanamchi

Song ..... *We Are Not Our Own*  
Words: Brian Wren | Music: David Hurd  
Soloist: Glen Thomas Rideout

A Call to Action ..... *A Reminder*  
Dayna Edwards

Parting Words ..... *The Church Has Left the Building*  
Rev. Margaret Weis

Benediction ..... *May the Lord Bless and Keep You*  
Virtual Choir by Batvia Madrigal Singers

Extinguishing the Chalice

*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.*

Conversations sans Calories ..... *Now on Zoom*

## Program Notes

**Introducing** Rev. Abhi Jamanamchi. *Born in India, I was raised in the Brahma Samaj, a liberal Hindu movement with close ties to Unitarian Universalism. As a young adult, I became actively involved as a lay-minister in the Brahma Samaj. Inspired by my experience as a lay-minister, in 1994, I took a 'leap of faith' and enrolled in Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Unitarian Universalist seminary in Chicago, to study for the ministry. For me, the beauty and power of Unitarian Universalism is in its commitment to diversity and pluralism. It teaches us to move beyond tolerance, to be respectful, accepting, and understanding of difference and diversity. It emphasizes that a beloved community is not built through achieving agreement but through achieving understanding. I believe that we are "going boldly" where no faith has gone before. I hope you will join us on this shared pilgrimage.* The Rev. Jamanamchi had served as senior minister at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD for 13 years.

**The Adult Forum** meets Sundays @ 10 via Zoom.

**The Board of Trustees** meets today @ 1 pm via Zoom.

**Calling all Reports!** The packet of documents for our upcoming Spring Congregational Meeting is due **TODAY**. Those who have reports due have been notified. Please send your report to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org).

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm via Zoom. The packet of documents required for the meeting will be emailed to all members tomorrow, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The packet of documents contains the agenda, supporting reports needed and required, proposed budget for the next fiscal year (July 1 2020 - Jun 30 2021), and proxy ballot.

**Online voting** opens on Monday, June 22 and closes **at noon on Saturday, June 27**. The link to vote online will be in the Packet of Documents for the meeting.

## Making Things Happen

Worship Associate: *Robert Shelton*  
Research and Production: *Doug Strong*  
Video: *Don Rogers*  
Audio: *Marla Loturco*

## Next Sunday, June 21, 2020

### Food Justice in a Global Pandemic

[The Rev. Dr. Mark Y. A. Davies](#), preaching

*Food Justice in a Global Pandemic is an exploration of issues of food insecurity and food access during the global pandemic and what local communities can do to help the most vulnerable.*

## Direct Links to Join Us Today

[Adult Forum 10](#)

[The Morning Assembly 11:15](#)

[Conversations sans Calories](#)