



Every day people are straying away from the church and going back to God. ~ Lenny Bruce

Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

Prelude ..... All My Memories
Words: Anna Akhmatova | Music: Solesmes version plainsong melody
Choir: Unitarian Church of Oakland Chancel Choir

Call to Community ..... Today We Make a Sabbath
M. Christine Tata

Chalice Lighting ..... The Hearth of the Chalice
Bear W. Qolezcua

Spoken Affirmation..... text on the screens

Opening Thought.....from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr

Song..... We Are Building a New Way
Words and music: Martha Sandefer
Arranged and performed by Glen Thomas Rideout

Reading.....Matthew 5:1-10
scholars' translation, from The Five Gospels: The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus

Practices.....Sources of Our Faith: Inspirational Readings
By Barbara Rohde

Musical Interlude..... Shine On Me
Words and Music: Traditional African American Spiritual
Performer: Melanie DeMore

Reading..... Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night
Dylan Thomas

Discourse.....Do Not Go Gentle
M. Christine Tata

Song..... Change is Coming
Words and Music: Molly Bajgot
Performers: Glen Thomas Rideout, Allison Halerz, Kari Gottfried

Parting Thought.....from the writings of Mahatma Gandhi

Invitation

Benediction..... Philippians 4:8-9, adapted

Extinguishing the Chalice..... text on your screen

Sneak Peek about next Sunday's Assembly

Lifting up Unitarian Universalist Sources

Program Notes

Welcome to our online morning assembly. During these challenging times it is worthy of us to be together, even if it is virtually. Community exists because people want it to and our small, feisty august group of diverse people are committed to keeping the only religiously liberal congregation in Texoma alive and thriving. We're glad you've joined us today.

Since we can't greet you at the front door, we hope you will venture to redriveruu.org/visitor and fill out a guest card so we may get to know you. Linger afterwards and stop by our virtual coffee hour. If you found something of worth, share it by offering a comment or give us a thumbs up on Facebook or our YouTube channel and stop back again.

We welcome back to our pulpit the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata who has enjoyed visiting Red River from time to time through the years to preach, lead workshops, and appreciate the growth and sincerity of this congregation. She brings a lifelong interest in religion and spirituality, a variety of academic and professional credentials, and pastoral experience as ordained minister for several progressive congregations. Christine now writes on Medium.com as Rev Dr Sparky, continuing in her mission to inspire courage in the face of absurdity.

Online Coffee Hour starts shortly after the morning assembly. Good conversations, friendly smiles, but you gotta bring your own coffee! Zoom to drop in here.

Last call for Annual Reports! Did it slip your mind? Send your report to news@redriveruu.org soon as the deadline is today.

Reminder: The Fall Congregational Meeting is on Sun. Oct. 18 starting at 1 pm. Online voting will begin on Sunday Oct 11.

Who's Doing What This Sunday

Leading today: the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata
Production: Marla Loturco

Next Sunday: October 4, 2020

The UU Get Out the Vote National Worship Assembly

the Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Grey, UUA President and other UU leaders, speaking

In this midst of global pandemic, rising authoritarianism, and uprising, lives hang in the balance and the future of democracy is on the line. In response, Unitarian Universalists are answering the call of our faith, building powerful partnerships to mobilize our communities to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate in the 2020 elections. Join UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray, the UU the Vote team, and a lineup of powerful, prophetic UU voices as we explore the intersections of faith, justice, and democracy in this collective virtual service.