

# RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

*A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.*

Aldo Leopold, *The Land Ethic*

## GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Our World is One World* by Cecily Taylor

## CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Welcome Home* by Rachel Rott
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *A Child's Chalice Lighting of Gratitude for the Earth* by Karen G. Johnson
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTAND

- ♦ Opening Thought - *Sand Country Almanac* by Aldo Leopold
- ♦ Reading - *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson
- ♦ Reading - *Conceptual Foundations of the Land Ethic* by J. Baird Callicott
- ♦ Song - *There's a River Flowing In My Soul* by Rose Sanders

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATION

- ♦ Meditation - *Hear, O Humankind, the Prayer of my Heart* by Manitongquat
- ♦ Musical Response - Reprise - *There is a River Flowing in my Soul* Marshall Valentine, violinist

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse - *The Land Ethic and the Importance of Soil* the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies
- ♦ Song - *For the Earth Forever Turning* by Kim Oler

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ A Parting Thought - *The Deep Wisdom of Aboriginal Australians* by Djinyini Gondarra
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice
  - ♦ Sneak Peek promo about next Sunday

### ♦ PROGRAM NOTES

**Welcome to our virtual 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 are 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](http://redriveruu.org/visitor) and fill out a guest card so we may get to know you. You're invited to tarry for fellowship with us .. to say a hello and to receive one .. to be among us, to be part of us: know we will welcome you. Our online coffee hour is the place (details below).*

*The Rev. Mark Davies is the Oklahoma State Humanities Scholar for the Smithsonian Institute Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit. He is also the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics; Director of the World House Institute for Social and Ecological Responsibility; and Executive Director of the Leadership, Education, and Development Hub North America for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry at Oklahoma City University where he has worked in both teaching and administration for 24 years. He is a United Methodist minister and holds a Ph.D. in Social Ethics, from Boston University.*

**The Board of Trustees** meets this afternoon at 1 pm via Zoom. If you wish to attend the meeting, please send a text to Jim.

**Jan's Musical Circle** - In October, it was suggested that we might start earlier so Zoom sign in is at 5:30 and music starts at 5:30 next Saturday, Nov. 21. Meeting ID: 942 8015 2981. PLEASE RSVP your spot in the circle to me at this email or call me at 972-897-5796, If you know of another musician who would like to join us, please forward this to them and give me their contact info.

Those who enjoy listening to music are warmly invited to join the musical circle. It is always a fun gathering.

**Online Coffee Hour** starts immediately following the morning assembly. Drop in and say hi, catch up with other you may well have not seen in a long time. The Zoom meeting ID is 911 5549 7586.

**NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

### One Thing at Once

the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata, speaking

The blessing of contemplating the vastness of our world is that it keeps us from taking ourselves too seriously. But when we see this hurting world in all its complexity, it's easy to despair—what difference can we make?



How can our tiny presence possibly make a difference? But somehow, it does; somehow, the smallest of actions done with

love and purpose and thanksgiving can shine a light in the darkness. Join the Rev Dr Christine on November 22 for a program of gratitude and grace.