

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

So act that you treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, always at the same time as an end, never merely as a means.

~ Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *When our Heart is in a Holy Place* by Joyce Poley*, Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, CA choir*

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Welcome to This Place* by Cathy Rion Starr*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *A Spark of Hope* by Melanie Davis*
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ♦ Opening Thought - from *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Moral* by Immanuel Kant
- ♦ Song - *I'm Gonna Lift my Voice and Sing* by Lon Beery, Grand Valley UU's, Grand Junction, CO*
- ♦ Reading - from *On the Republic / On the Laws* by Marcus Tullius Cicero

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *A Survival Meditation* by Nathan C. Walker*
- ♦ Musical Response - *Meditation on Breathing* by Sarah Dan Jones, Holston Valley UU Virtual Choir, Gray, TN, Easton Nguyen, pianist
- ♦ Reading - from the United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse - *What Is My Duty* - the rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies
- ♦ Song - *We Are the World / Heal the World* - by Lionel Richie & Michael Jackson, Voices of Hope Children's Choir, Irvine, CA

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ A Parting Thought - *The Ethics of Ambiguity* by Simone de Beauvoir
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Sneak Peek promo about next Sunday

*Lifting up Contributions from Unitarian Universalists



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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 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).

We welcome again The Rev. Dr. Mark Davies who 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.

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, DECEMBER 6, 2020

"The Once and Future Tabernacle"

the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *speaking*

In these pandemic days, our congregations have changed, challenged to find new ways of being together and of remaining faithful. We are becoming more like loosely knit communities of prophets crying in the wilderness, relying only on the spirit--and adequate bandwidth--and some of our churches may never physically reopen. Although that may feel like the end of everything, the rev. Dr. Christine believes it could be just the beginning. The question is: beginning of what?

