## RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

~ from The Constitution of the United States of America

## **GATHERING OUR SELVES**

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Prelude Rapture Words and music by L.D. Clark

#### CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- Call to Community To Learn More About Being Human by Erika A. Hewitt\*
- Chalice Lighting A Symbol of Learning and Love by Elizabeth Harding\*
- Spoken Affirmation words on the screen

## **EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS**

- Opening Thought The Unfinished Dream: A Discussion on Rights, Equality, and Inclusivity by DaShanne Stokes
- Song One Fine Day by David Byrne and Brian Eno Sung by members of All Souls, Unitarian (DC)
- Reading from The UUA 1982 General Resolution "Personal Religious Freedom\*

#### EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices May We Seek the True Questions by Linda M. Hansen\*
- Musical Response Faith Is A Forest Words by Shelley Jackson Denham Music: Chinese folk song Sung by Drew Collins
- Reading from Acts of Faith by Eboo Patel

# **DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES**

- Discourse Responsible Religious Freedom Mark Y. A. Davies
- Song Forward Through the Ages Music: Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengesang Words: Vincent B. Silliman\* Performed by Edgewood United Church Virtual Choir, East Lansing, MI

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Parting Thought from World House Essay by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Extinguishing the Chalice words on the screen
- Sneak Peek about next Sunday
- ♦ Postlude Go Now in Peace
- \* 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 this morning the rev Dr. The Rev. Dr. 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 22 years. He is a United Methodist minister and holds a Ph.D. in Social Ethics, from Boston University.

**Stop by following today's assembly** and join in the conversation at our Zoom <u>online coffee hour</u>.



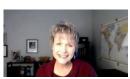
**The Board of Trustees** will today @ 1 pm via Zoom. Email Jim if you wish to attend or have an agenda item.

**Deadline for the February newsletter** is next Sat. January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Send stuff to <a href="mailto:news@redriveruu.org">news@redriveruu.org</a>.

# NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

HOW I'D FIX THE WHOLE SHEBANG IN MY FIRST 100 DAYS AS PRESIDENT

The rev. Dr. Christine tata



Come on, admit it—deep down, we all believe that if they'd just put us in charge, for crying out loud, we could cut through the nonsense and *fix* this mess the

world is in! Maybe it's a fantasy. But let's just indulge it for once and see what happens. Join us as rev. Dr. Christine, with no training whatsoever in government, science, or political science, lays out a comprehensive plan for setting the entire world to rights, once and for all. What could go possibly wrong?