

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 [online coffee hour](#).



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 23rd. Send stuff to news@redriveruu.org.

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?