

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Music is Humanities Gift to Itself.

~ Douglas Morgan Strong

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* - Words: Traditional, Verse 3 by Doris Plenn Music: Robert Lowry Sung by the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation Choir

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Come, Come Whoever You Are* by Ian W. Riddell*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *Exploring Who We Are* by Melanie Davis*
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought - *The Music in Us* by Dorothy Read*
- ♦ Reading - *Keep Singing* by Erin J. Walter*
The UUA Braver/Wiser Reflection for Jan 12, 2021

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Music in The Air Concert - *Who Is Our Neighbor* - Tom Neilson and Lynn Waldron, performing for us in a special virtual concert.

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *Meditation on Musica Universalis* by Joel Tishken*
- ♦ Stillness for a Time
- ♦ Musical Response - from *For All That Is Our Life* Music by Patrick L. Rickey

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Parting Thought - *Into the World Singing* by Dawn Skiei Cooley*
- ♦ Benediction - *Loving and Responsible Action* by Robert F. Kaufmann*
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ♦ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace*

* Lifting up Contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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.

Join us for our online coffee hour immediately following this morning's assembly. The Zoom link is: 933 8502 2882.

We welcome this morning Tom Neilson and Ronda Waldron who join us virtually while staying snug and safe in their in snow-covered Western MA home.

Tom Neilson was last with us in February 2017. Joining him this Sunday is Lynn Waldron to perform some of the hundreds of songs he has written in support of truth, love, and justice.

Tom was nominated for the 2015 UN Nelson Mandela Award for "*work that has spanned decades and continents sharing comprehensive and sobering interpretations of sociology and history with an easily digestible and entertaining format designed to inform and inspire peace.*" The UN Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize recognizes the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity in the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and in community development, guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations. We are delighted to welcome him back!

Tom's wife, Lynn Waldron currently works with the Wendell State Forest Alliance to prevent logging in public forests in Massachusetts to include chaining herself to other protestors last year to prevent a Feller Buncher from operating to protect old growth oak forest.

She has joined Tom as actress and singer in the Jobs With Justice annual *Voices of Labor History* production to celebrate and honor May Day. She also performs in a hospice choir singing at bedside for the critically ill and dying.

It is a joy having them with us today.

Join the UU Common Read - a 4-part discussion based on the book *Breathe: Letters to my Sons* by Imani Perry. Starting in Feb. Contact Marion Hill for details.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

NEW PROPHETS FOR THE CHURCH OF THE REAL WORLD

the rev Dr. Christine Tata, *speaking*



Since the middle of the twentieth century, this country has struggled to throw off its beginnings as an apartheid state and live up to its promise. The post-World War II generation contributed some prophetic voices—but not enough, and there has been despair. But now, there are new prophets... new poets... new actions being taken by people with a fierce faith, transforming the spiritual and political landscape. Generation Z is putting the *real* back in *real/igion*. Tune in next Sunday to be challenged ... and glad.

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