

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty” from The Black National Anthem by James Weldon Johnson

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Why We ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ the story behind the ‘black national anthem’* by Natasha Alford

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Come Whoever You Are* by Marilyn Falkowski*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting *A Chalice Lighting for When Things Aren’t Okay* by Molly Brewer*+
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought - from *Visitors in the Struggle for Racial Justice* by Aisha Ansano*#
- ♦ Song - *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Words: James Weldon Johnson Music: J. Rosamond Johnson Sung by and for American Descendants of Slavery
- ♦ Reading - *There is no Hierarchy of Oppressions* by Audre Lorde, read by Lauren Lyons

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *In Honor and Praise to Black Rage* by Byron “Tayler” Coles*#
- ♦ Musical Response - *Change is Coming* Music & Words: Molly Bajgot Performed by Glen Thomas Rideout*#, Allison Halzer* and Kari Gottfried*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse - *Building a Better World Might Take Some Work* by Daniel Polk*+
- ♦ Song - *We Are Building a New World* by Words & music by Martha Sandefer Arranged and performed by Glen Thomas Rideout*#

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Parting Thought - *Closing Words for Hard Times* by Maureen Kiloran*
- ♦ Benediction - *Inspired by Our Ancestors* by Leia Durland-Jones
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ♦ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace* Words & music by Natalie Sleeth

Lifting up Contributions from:

*Unitarian Universalists # Persons of Color +LGBTQ

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 yo

About Sunday’s speaker: *Daniel Polk is originally from Iowa, but has lived Texas for a few decades and has learned the drawl, sort of. He is Director of our group of congregations, North Texas Unitarian Universalist Churches (NTUUC), and in his spare time enjoys word play and coloring wood for art projects. He tries to use his privilege for the benefit of society.*

Immediately following this morning’s assembly everyone you are warmly invited to join in a special all-church gathering we’re calling “Re-imagining Church: What’s Behind The Curtain?” which will replace today’s online coffee hour.. The Zoom link is: 933 8502 2882. We’ve been sheltering in place, as a congregation, for 11 months and our gathering is to appreciate those who have produced our splendid morning assemblies and to talk about how we may wish to re-imagining our church once we again return to the building. Open to everyone who would enjoy participating - members, friends, and visitors!

Breathe: Letters to my Sons, the UU Common Read will meet on, Mar 1 @ 10 am to reflect together about the impact the book had on the participants. Marion Hill leading via Zoom. Call her if you’ve read the book and want to participate.

CREATING THIS MORNING

Guest Speaker: *Daniel Polk*
Production: *Marla Loturco*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

Renegotiating the Four Agreements:

Reading the Fine Print

the rev. Dr. Christine Tata, *leading*



Don Miguel Ruiz's little book, *The Four Agreements*, spent a decade on the *NY Times* bestseller list, offering Toltec wisdom to help North Americans see that humans are actually dreaming all the time, and what we think is "reality" is only a set of agreements we have made with the dream world we are in. Ruiz said we needed to break those old agreements and replace them with some better ones, and a lot of people liked that idea. But now... we might need to look at the fine print on those four agreements... because "reality" just sent us some new Terms of Service. And this time I think we better read ‘em.

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