

# RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, March 21, 2021

*The rock well disguises its stress. Dozens of strokes are no different from the first, and the splitting swing is as an epiphany. The stone's sheer beauty is the only interim award; blisters, the only gauge of progress.*

by Kenneth Schested

## GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Prelude - *Walk the World Now Children* Words & Music: John Forster, Michael Mark, and Tom Chapin Performed by Tom Chapin and friends.

## CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community by Aija Duelm\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting *Steadied By Each Other* by Soul Matters\*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought - *And Yet You Persist* by Gretchen Haley\*
- ◆ Song - *Love is the Water that Wears Down the Rock* Words and music: Pat Wictor Performed by Brother Sun (Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway, Pat Wictor)

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading - from *Blistering Hope* by Kenneth Schested
- ◆ Practices - by Lynn Cox\*
- ◆ Musical Response - *I Know This Rose Will Open*  
Words and music: Mary Grigolia\* Performed by Chancel Choir, First Unitarian Church of Oakland CA\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse - *Blistering Hope* by Aija Duelm\*
- ◆ Song - *Lean on Me* words, music and performed: Bill Withers

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Closing Thought - *Our Connections to Each Other and This Community Remain* by Kathy A. Huff\*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ◆ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace* words & music: Natalie Sleeth

\*Acknowledging 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](http://redriveruu.org/visitor) and fill out a guest card so we may get to know you.

Following the morning assembly, we gather online for a virtual coffee hour. You are invited to drop by and join the conversation. We gather on Zoom, here's the meeting ID: 933 8502 2882.

**About Sunday's speaker:** Rev. Dr. Aija Duelm (she/her/hers) is a UU minister, living in Benbrook, TX. Her work experiences include healthcare chaplaincy in both adult and pediatric settings and a pastoral leadership in a congregation in St. Louis, MO. She enjoys gardening. Together with her husband they are foster parents to a teenager.

**The Board of Trustees** – meets this afternoon at 1 pm via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all who wish to sit in. The Zoom Meeting ID: 937 9652 4866

**The deadline for the April newsletter** is next Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your stuff to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) in plain text (sans italics, indents, bullets etc.) because it makes the editing a lot smoother.

## CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *the rev Dr. Aija Duelm*  
Production: *Marla Loturco*

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

**THE TRUTH ABOUT EASTER, PART ONE:  
UNDERCOVER IN JERUSALEM**  
the rev. Dr. Christine Tata

Apart from faith or theology, the question of the empty tomb of Jesus is still open: What did happen to Jesus's body? It's as much a mystery as why we love Peeps. Well, the Rev. Dr. Christine can't claim to know the literal truth of what happened to Jesus's body, but she imagines a compelling narrative in her one-act play, "Breathing Together," which she produced at the Iliff School of Theology and later at a national conference. Now, in a two-part series beginning on this Passion Sunday, Christine opens this lively question again. It could change your ideas about Easter, women, men, death, life, love, and reality. (But not about Peeps.)



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