

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, May 23, 2021

*Just when you seem to yourself nothing but a flimsy web of questions,
you are given the questions of others to hold.*

~ Denise Levertov

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Hello ~ from today's speaker
- ◆ A Bit About Who We Are
- ◆ Prelude - *One Million Voices* Singers: Foothills Unitarian Church Virtual Choir, Ft. Collins, CO*

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Call to Worship - - *Here We Are So Gathered* by Patricia Shelden*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting - *Open to Unexpected Answers* by Julianne Lepp*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Song - *Let This Be a House of Peace* words and music: Jim Scott* Singers: Shea Brown, Paul Thompson UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow, ID*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading - *A Gift* by Denise Levertov
- ◆ Practices - by Aija Duelm
- ◆ Musical Response - *Blessed Spirit of My Life* Words & music by Shelley Jackson Denham* Singer Christopher Watkins Lamb*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse - *The Gift of Questions* by the Rev Dr Aija Duelm*
- ◆ Song - *We Laugh, We Cry* words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham* Singers: The Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC Virtual Choir

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Blessing - *As We Go Forth* by Aija Duelm*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ◆ Postlude - *Shalom* sung by Deborah Klinger, the Community Church of Chapel Hill

*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 religious 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.

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 today's guest minister: Rev. Dr. Aija Duelm (she/her/hers) is a UU minister, living in Benbrook, TX. Her work experiences include pastoral leadership in a congregation in St. Louis, MO and healthcare chaplaincy in both adult and pediatric settings. Together with her husband they enjoy gardening.

We're Coming Home! During last Sunday's congregational meeting, we voted to reopen our church on Sunday, July 4. You might think a building shuttered for 16 months would need but a bit of tidying up. Nope! Some workdays are in the making, those who would rather work alone can do so as well. Please speak reach email the Pres, [Jim Holmes](mailto:Jim.Holmes@redriveruu.org).

A Nudge: The newsletter deadline was last night. If you missed it, please send in your stuff [now](#).

CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *The Rev Dr. Aija Duelm*
Production: *Doug Strong*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

WHY GO TO CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Don Fielding, *speaking*



For many churchgoing has become just a habit. We go because we always have. But might there be a more significant reason for going to church? It's true we, UUs do not go to church to be "saved", but might there still be an important reason to go to church? Don will reflect on how churchgoing began and why he goes to church. See if you agree.



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