



## RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, May 30, 2021

*We learn more from questions than from answers.*

~ From the sign board outside the First Baptist Church in America, Providence, RI - Gathered by Roger Williams in 1638

### GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Getting to Know us - *A Bit About Who We Are*  
Words: Unnamed UU minister\* Music: *Spirit of Life* by Carolyn McDade\*

### CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Opening Musical Selection - *Gymnopédie No. 3* music: Erik Satie  
Pianist: Kevin MacLeod
- ◆ Chalice Lighting - Don Fielding\*
- ◆ Silent Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Preface - *Why Churchgoing* - Don Fielding\*
- ◆ Song – *By the Waters of Babylon*  
Words: *Psalms 137* Music: William Billings Singer: Andrew Helbig

### DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Reflection - *Why Go To Church* The Rev. Dr. Don Fielding\*
- ◆ Song - *We Gather Together* Words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas\* & Robert E. Senghas\* Music: Andrian Valerius Vocals: UU Church of Baltimore Virtual Choir\*

### CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ After Thought - from Don Fielding\*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice - Don Fielding\*
- ◆ Closing Music - *Romanian Folk Dance (#6)* by Béla Bartók\* soloist: Rony Barrak
- ◆ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*

\*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](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.*

**We welcome back to the free pulpit** the Rev. Dr. Don Fielding. *Don changed career paths after 25+ years as a geologist and chose to study for the ministry. He graduated from Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago (A UU seminary) in 1990, was ordained and served BOTH the Denton UU Fellowship and the UU Church of Oak Cliff from 1990 until his retirement in 2003 when he became the minister emeritus of the Denton Fellowship. He says one thing he learned by serving two congregations at the same time is that a sermon that flies at one spot may fall flat at the other location since each congregation has its own way of being together. Don returns after far-too-long an absence. Don enjoys writing sermons, which is calls a reflection and we call a discourse, and present worship in his own style which will be abundantly clear on Sunday. It is good to have him back again.*

**Home Again!** Yes! On July 4<sup>th</sup> we return to church. Join us in person or via a new Zoom link where you can join us virtually. Details in the June newsletter.

**There's a wee bit of space** in the June newsletter in case you forgot to submit your copy. Send it today to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org).

### CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *The Rev. Dr. Don Fielding*  
Production: *Doug Strong*

### NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  
The Rev. Dr. Aija Duerm

*"Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within. I use the word "love" here not merely in the personal sense but as a state of being, or a state of grace- not in the infantile American sense of being made happy but in the tough and universal sense of quest and daring and growth."* James Baldwin



As we celebrate the month of June as LGBTQ+ pride month, we are invited to reflect on love and its power in helping us to live our true authentic selves. What does it mean to truly love your neighbor? Where do you see that kind of love in your life? What is the call of love to you today?

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