

*Open up the doors, my friends, Lest we keep the stranger out
And condemn ourselves to prisons of our own making.*

~ Lindasusan Ulrich

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- ◆ With hellos & “air” hugs
- ◆ Sounding the Tibetan Bowl

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
We Who Bring a Saving Message
by Mark Glovin*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
Clear Waters
by Kevin MacLeod
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Let There be Light
by Gordon . McKeeman*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation
*Love is the spirit of this church . . . and service is its law.
This is our great covenant . . . to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom . . . and to help one another*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought
Open Up the Doors
by Lindasusan Ulrich*
- ◆ Song
We'll Build a Land
Words: Barbara Zanotti | Music: Carolyn McDade*
Piano: Brian Kenny, Vocals: Alena Hemingway

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *1984 UUA President's Report*
by Eugene Pickett

◆ Practices

Gird Thyself

by Jessica York*

◆ Musical Response

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Words & Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Singing: Bob Nicoll & Barry Hall

◆ Reading

from *An Address to those Interested in Forming a Unitarian Church in Dallas*

by Daniel Christian Limbaugh, May 12, 1899

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ The Morning Discourse

Why Does the World Need Unitarian Universalism?

by Daniel Polk*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
or give on the church mobile app home screen*

◆ Song

Building a New Way

Words & Music Martha Sandefer Singers: UU Society
of Grafton & Upton, MA*

◆ Parting Thought

A Power at Work in the Universe

by Tom Schade*

◆ Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,

The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.

These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

◆ Postlude

Artist

Music: Roman Senyk

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

PROGRAM NOTES

We welcome Daniel Polk to our pulpit this morning. *Daniel Polk is originally from Iowa, but has lived Texas for a few decades and has learned the drawl, sort of. He is the Executive 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.*

Red River UU is co-sponsoring “All Hands on Deck for Democracy” next Sat. Nov 13 live at White Rock UMC, Dallas and on Zoom. It’s never been more important for faith communities to provide nonpartisan election leadership! Texas Impact is teaming up with our member faith communities to ensure that every eligible Texan can vote in free and fair elections in 2022. Learn how you and your congregation can:

- Register and resource voters
- Assist vulnerable voters with vote-by-mail applications
- Volunteer to work the polls

All the details are in the November *Red River Ramblings* you can read on the church website and mobile device.

Kudos to Bruce Cameron and Jim Holmes who, with muscles provided by Austin College students, have liberated the basement of the ever-growing amount of stuff that mysteriously ends up there. Ditto for the 4 garages. All Clean! Well done, dudes!

On the Cover - Map dated 9/9/2011.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Today’s Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Linda Tracy*
- ◆ Guest Speaker: *Daniel Polk*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

WELCOME GUESTS

We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.

Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.

We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.

We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.

Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store.

This is who we are. We are glad you came today.



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

During November we are exploring the possible future of our planet. Sorry, but we don't come out on top. Will we go quickly with a uncontrolled virus or will climate change make the earth unlivable for humans?

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Revisiting Patrick Henry's Second Choice

Rev. Doug Strong, leading

Fifty odd years ago, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross gave us five stages of grief her seminal book *On Death and Dying* and I wrote a sermon I cleverly called "Speaking of Patrick Henry's Second Choice." Her book was immensely popular and preaching about death and dying was cutting edge stuff. Our congregation lost 4 members in the last few years and societal attitudes about end of life have made quantum changes. I think it is time to revisit Mr. Henry's second choice and while I'm at it, some thoughts about a sixth stage of grief: Meaning!

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations - *Suspended for now due to the Delta Variant.*

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The Morning Program

Sunday, November 7, 2021

