

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
~ Amos 5:24

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community
You Are the Holiday Miracle
by Gwen Matthews*
- ♦ Candles of Community
- ♦ Prelude
*Come, Come, Whoever You Are**
Performed by Jess Huetterman, Chelsea Sardoni, and Morayo Akande
- ♦ Lighting the Chalice
In This Small Flame Dwell
by Jean L. Wahlstrom*
- ♦ 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
Determined Seed
by Laura Wallace*
- ♦ Song
Eight UU Principles Song
Music: Rogers & Hammerstein; Performed by the children at the 1st Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City
- ♦ Reading
The Story of Chalice
by Lisa Romantum Schwartz*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices
Meditation on Winter Celebrations
by Elizabeth M. Strong*
 - ♦ Stillness for a Time
 - ♦ Musical Response
Love Makes a Bridge
Words: Brian Wren, Music: Gerald Wheeler; Julia Stubbs, *singing*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse
Seven Reflections on Our Principles
by Marion Hill*, Dick Powell, Megan Hutchinson, Jim Holmes, Jan Fletcher, Elbert Hill and Don Rogers

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table or give on the church mobile app home screen
Music: *To See the World* Words: Wm Blake, Music: Norway, c 1600, Arr. Edvard Grieg, Performed by Starr King UU Church
- ♦ Song
*Answering the Call of Love**
Music and Words: Jason Shelton
- ♦ Parting Thought
Adapted from *Integral Life Practice*
by Ken Wilber, Terry Patten, Adam Leonard, & Marco Morelli
- ♦ 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

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today’s morning assembly are members of the worship team along with some among us who agreed to share *Seven Reflections on Our Principles* for this Chalica Sunday: Marion and Elbert Hill are charter members (2000); Jan Fletcher came a few years later (2007), then Megan Hutchinson (2016), Dick (and Carol) Powell and Jim Holmes (2017) and Don Rogers (2020).

The Board of Trustees will meet next Sunday for their December board meeting. As always, anyone who wishes to attend is warmly invited to do so. If you have an agenda item you’d like to have on the agenda, please email president @re-driveruu.org.

More Ways to Keep in Touch Now you can always find the current issue of *Red River Ramblings* on the church calendar. It is always the second listing - right under the information about Covid protocols. *AND* Now you can also find the wednesdayUPDATE listed in the church calendar. You just need to look for it “THE wednesdayUPDATE.”

On the Cover - the chalice used at Unity Church - Unitarian in St. Paul MN.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ♦ Today’s Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ♦ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ♦ Leading today: *The Worship Team plus seven important people* 😊
- ♦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ♦ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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, DECEMBER 19, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

We will start watching the PBS Documentary "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps War" – the story of a young Unitarian minister who accepted a call to work with the Unitarian Service Committee in getting Jews out of Nazi controlled Europe.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Do Atheists Celebrate Christmas?

Matt Dillahunty and Beth Presswood, *speaking (video message)*

Raised Southern Baptist, Dillahunty considered becoming a minister. His in-depth examination of his Christian beliefs, instead of bolstering his faith as he had intended, led him to no longer believe in the basic tenets of Christianity and, eventually, all religions. Atheist Christmas - What's that? Beth Presswood joins him to talk about Christmas from an atheist perspective.

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

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The Morning Program

Sunday, December 12, 2021



... and to help one another