

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.
~ Oprah Winfrey

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Let Us Worship
by Kenneth L. Patton*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
Carry The Flame
from *Sing and Rejoice Hymns*
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Chalice Light for the New Yera
by Lisa Doege*
- ◆ 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
In Between
by Kate R. Walker*
- ◆ Song
Ring Out, Wild Bells
Lyrics: Alfred, Lord Tennyson | Music: Alana Levandoski

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
We Go on Loving
by David Richo*

◆ Practices

As the New Year Begins
by Kate Lore*

- ◆ Stillness for a Time
- ◆ Musical Response
Find a Stillness
Lyrics: Carl G. Seaburg* | Music: Transylvanian hymn tune | performed by 1st UU Virtual Choir, Springfield, MO, pianist: Eva Riebold

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Remarks
An Ending and A Beginning
Marla Loturco, leading
- ◆ Sources for the Ritual Readings:
Releasing the Year Behind Us by Erika A. Hewitt*
Gratitude Confetti by Karen G. Johnston*
A Ritual of Letting Go, Cleansing, Intention, and Hope by Lois Van Leer*
- ◆ Sources for Ritual Music:
Alleluja [sic] and *Allegro Assai* by J.S. Bach by CBS Masterworks Sunday Brunch Album
Allegro Giusto by Antonio Vivaldi by CBS Masterworks Sunday Brunch Album

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table or give on the church mobile app home screen
Song: *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time* Lyrics: John Andrew Story | African American Spiritual | Presented by Bizgnus, Inc.
- ◆ Song
We Would Be One
Lyrics: Samuel Anthony Wright* | Music: Jean Sibelius
Performed by UU Santa Monica, CA choir*

◆ Benediction

from *Releasing the Year Behind Us*
by Erika A. Hewitt*

◆ 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

Alleluja by JS. Bach | CBS Masterworks Sunday Brunch

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today's morning assembly is one of our own – Marla Loturco. *Marla Loturco is a lay leader of our congregation who first visited us in April 2008. Although she hadn't set foot inside a church for forty years, she surprised herself by realizing this was a faith community that spoke to her heart. Marla has not taken her membership lightly as she has served on the bylaw revision committee, is the church (and the Texoma Earth Day Festival) webmaster, the church database guru, and our representative to North Texas UU Congregations (NTUUC). She joins in church social events and has been elected to the Committee on Ministry and President of the Board of Trustees. She is the recipient of NTUUC Marty Robinson Award for volunteerism as well as Red River Unitarian Universalists' Bruce Cameron Distinguished Service Award. She currently is part of the AV team and a longtime member of the Worship Team where she creates meaningful and insightful worship experiences.*

Beyond the church Marla is a Certified Laughter Leader, a Database Consultant, Quilter, creator of stained-glass art and devoted dulcimer player.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Today's Board Rep:
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ◆ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ Leading today: *Marla Loturco*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ 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, JANUARY 6, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies returns next Sunday. We are delighted to announce that Dr. Davies will be with us twice a month through the rest of the church budget year (i.e., through June 2022.)

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

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The Morning Program Sunday, January 2, 2022



... and to help one another