

"I was sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners, and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed..."

~ Luke 4:18

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Toward a Place of Wholeness
by Viola Abbitt*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
Dark of Winter
By Shelly Jackson Denham Singers: UU Choir Charlottesville, VA
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Cherishing Our Differences
by Cindy Fesgen*
- ◆ 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
Religion is like a pair of shoes
by George Carlin
- ◆ Song
You Gotta Sing
Lyric and performed by Raffi Cavoukian | Music:
Unknown, probable African American Gospel

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *The Brothers Karamazov*
by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

◆ Practices

Meditation

Choose to Bless the World
by Rebecca Parker*

Silent Prayers of the People

Musial Response

Voice Still and Small
by John Corrado*

◆ Reading

from *Acts of Faith*
by Eboo Patel

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Song

Modern Unitarian

Words: Todd Seymore, additional lyrics: Jim Catano
Music: With apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan | Performed by 1st Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City choir

◆ Discourse

The Sin of Nicaea
by Mark Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
Music for giving:

◆ Song

We Will Go Out in The World

by David Owens Performed by 1st Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City, UT choir

◆ Parting Thought

What a Tapestry We Weave
by Maya Angelou

◆ 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

The Theme from St. Elsewhere

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists



PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today’s morning assembly is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. Mark is the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics at Oklahoma City University where he has worked in both teaching and administration for 25 years. He is an ordained elder in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Committee on Ministry is available to speak privately with anyone in the congregation who wishes to discuss concerns or hopes involving the life of the congregation. All conversations with the Committee are confidential. Elbert Hill, Carolyn Cameron

The deadline for the February newsletter is next Saturday, Jan 29th at 10 pm. Send submissions to news@redriveruu.org.

“Living with What IS” – A Special Workshop with Marie Silén will be held in the chapel on Saturday, January 29th from 2-4:30 pm. Maria Silén, certified Qigong and Ayurvedic Yoga instructor and founder of Serene Harvest Yoga Studio will be the leader. Cost is \$20. Details are on the church mobile app and listed in the church calendar on the website home page.

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Continued on back panel

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 Apps Store.

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



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NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

“An Overview of some of the nuclear power plant accidents”

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly
Finding Your One True Thing

Elena Westbrook, leading

We share a faith that claims to value questions over answers. Nevertheless, UUs are as vulnerable as everyone else to all the ways humans leap to judgment and even dogmatism. In a complicated, angry country lining up to take rigid sides, is there a way to discover what is true . . . and truly important?

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The Morning Program

Sunday, January 23 2022



“This is our great covenant...”