

*You can spend your whole life traveling around the world  
searching for the Garden of Eden, or you can create it  
in your backyard.*

~ Khang Kijarro Nguyen

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community  
*Wind, Water, Sun*  
by Seth Carrier-Ladd\*
- ♦ Candles of Community/Prelude
- ♦ Lighting the Chalice  
*Community Chalice Lighting*  
by Atticus Palmer\*
- ♦ 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  
from *Climate: A New Story*  
by Charles Eisenstein
- ♦ Song  
*Just One Voice*  
by John McCutcheson

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading  
from *The Town That Food Saved: How One  
Community Found Vitality in Local Food*  
by Ben Hewitt

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

- ♦ Practices  
Meditation  
*Be the Blessing You Already Are*  
by John Gibb Millspaugh\* & Sarah Gibb Millpaugh\*  
Time for Personal Reflections  
Musical Response  
*Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves*  
Jess Huetteman, soprano; Chelsea Sardoni, mezzo-  
soprano; Morayo Akande, soprano, Bell St. Chapel
- ♦ Reading  
from *21 Stories*  
by Rob Hopkins

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse  
*Going Local*  
by Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*  
Music: *Lullaby* by Benjamin. Kallestein
- ♦ Song  
*Farmer’s Market Good*  
by Tom Chapin
- ♦ Parting Thought  
from *How We Can Eat Our Landscapes*  
by Pam Warhu
- ♦ 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  
*As We Leave This Friendly Place*  
words: Vincent B. Silliman\* | Music: J.S. Bach  
Singing: Michael Mark & Tom Chapin

## 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.

Mark’s Ph.D. is from Boston university in the area of social ethics, and he has served Boston university school of theology as a member of its dean’s advisory board and as the alumnus representative their green team as part of the green seminary initiative.

Mark engages in advocacy and activism in the areas of peace, social justice, and ecological sustainability. Locally this is expressed through his work with the human community network, which works to create non-violent systemic change for a just and flourishing human and ecological community through collaboration, education, innovation, and action. See [www.humancommuniynetwork.org](http://www.humancommuniynetwork.org). He and his wife Kristin live in Edmond, OK and they have two daughters who attend Oklahoma City university.

**Oops! Did you miss it?** The deadline for the June newsletter was last night. If you forgot, please email your copy to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) before tomorrow.

**The Committee on Ministry** (currently Carolyn Cameron & Elbert Hill) are available today following the morning assembly. If you wish to speak with them, they will be available.

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ♦ Board Rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *The Camerons*
- ♦ Host: *David Dyer*
- ♦ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ♦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ♦ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

*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.*

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*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*



## NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY MAY 29, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

### My Favorite Universe

A video series from The Great Courses  
Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

Of all the amazing things about the Universe, I think two stand above all the rest. One of them is that we know so much about the universe, but another is that there's even more that we don't know.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### What's In a Name?

Dr. Rachael Tudor, guest speaker

Names and labels are used to identify and, all too often, exclude, marginalize, and literally demonize people who are different or see the world differently. Through the use of the power of naming, individuals and communities are deprived of their rights and dignity as human beings. The neologism "transgender" is one such name/label. I will share my experiences with this label in reference to employment justice and our culture.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our answer to the traditional 'coffee hour' - we gather in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms on the first floor.



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# The Morning Program

WHEN YOU

GO LOCAL

YOU

GROW LOCAL

May 22, 2022

*Respecting the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*