

*True peace is not merely the absence of tension:
it is the presence of justice.*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Side with Love
by Unitarian Universalist Association*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Do Lord, Remember Me
traditional spiritual sung by Dave Rowe*
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
To Face the World’s Shadows
Traditional Spiritual sung by Dave Rowe*
- ◆ 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 *Letters from Birmingham Jail*
by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ◆ Song
I Have Decided
by Dave Rowe*
Based on the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Holding Creative Tension*
by Peter Senge*

◆ Practices

Meditation

Meditation on Letting Go

by Carol Allman-Morton*

Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Spirit of Life

by Carolyn McDade* | singing: Dave Rowe and friends*

◆ Reading

from *Reflections on Working Toward Peace*

by Rigoberto Menchu Tum

◆ Song

Step by Step

words: from preamble to the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America | music: Irish folk song | singers: Dave Rowe* and friend

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

The Creative Tension of Justice Making

by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table

◆ Song

Hope Lingers On

by LowLily - Liz Simmons, Flynn Cohen, and Lissa Schneckenburgen

◆ Parting Thought

from *On Human Rights*

by Wangari Maathai

◆ 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

A Foggy Night by George Gershwin

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading our morning assembly today is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read his bio on our mobile app and the church calendar on the homepage of our website: redriveruu.org

Chair Yoga class starts on Tuesday @ 10. Led by Marsha Runnels, you are invited, even encouraged, to give it a try. By definition yoga is more stretch than strenuous but can be helpful to one’s overall wellbeing. It also makes you feel good.

River Ramblings: The September issue arrived in your inbox yesterday. Didn’t receive it? That must mean you aren’t on our mailing list. Speak with today’s Host because we’d love to add you to our eList.

Most of Our musical offerings today come from the UU song writer and singer, Dave Rowe, hailing from the great state of Maine, yachtsman Dave Rowe, is a traveling troubadour—a singer-songwriter and interpreter of traditional and modern song—whose 35-year career has had him on stages all over the eastern seaboard and throughout America’s heartland. A couple years ago he, and partner Stacey, became nomadic explorers who travel the waters of the eastern United States aboard their Bayliner 3870, m/v *Stinkpot*.

Program notes 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 App Store.

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



MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan, David & Kelly Dyer, Michelle Haynes, Walter and Susie Norris*

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

Comparative Religion

A Great Courses Video Series now thru Oct. 9

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Nine Eleven: The Noun

The Worship Team, *leading*

It was a Tuesday when Nine Eleven became a noun. Since then, it has fallen on a Sunday only three times, in 2005, 2011 and this year.

America began as an experiment and as these widely divided times reminds, us we are still in the thick of it. On this 9/11, we gather to share our grief for those who died, to reflect on where we are as a people, and to perhaps better understand that what happened will never go away. We can't 'celebrate' Nine Eleven, but we will remember and honor this important day in our nation's history.

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

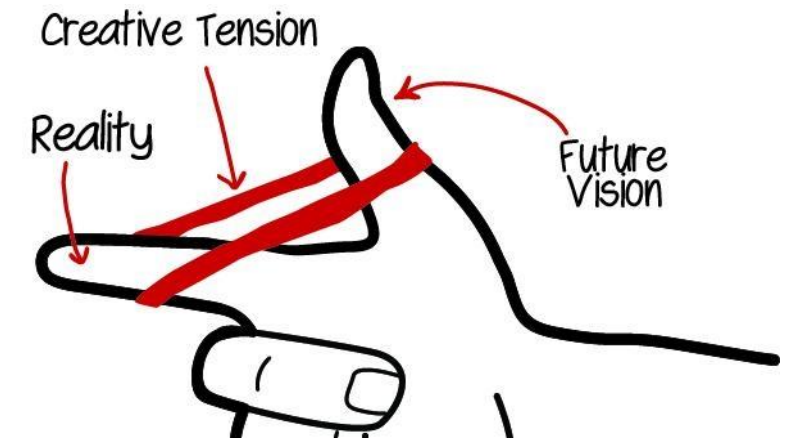
Good Times Team 2

Our answer to traditional coffee hour! Gathering in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms by the upper lobby we meet and greet and enjoy a variety of snacks. Join us, please, it is a nice way to meet one another.



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*The Morning Program
September 4, 2022*



*We are a sanctuary for religious liberals
celebrating compassion, diversity,
and spiritual growth.*