

*Never mind the cynical and lazy of mind; for centuries
they have repressed our spiritual callings and have never provided our world
with a better way.*

~ Lawrence Carson

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
In Faith
by Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Inspired by Nature
Peaceful Background Music
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
A Community of Faith
by Judith L. Quarles*
- ◆ 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 *The Wanderlusworker Blog*
by Robert Kanaat
- ◆ Song - 368
Now Let Us Sing
Sung by Brian Kenny, Ed Looby & Alena Hemingway

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
Letter from our Better Angels
by Sean Parker Dennison*

- ◆ Song -123
Spirit of Life
by Carolyn McDade* | Performed by Orange County,
CA UU choir

◆ Practices

Meditation

At This Quiet Time

by Edward T. Atkinson*

Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Reprise of Spirit of Life sung by the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo virtual choir*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

Stages of Faith or Spiritual Development

by Walter Norris*

◆ Open Dialogue

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table

*Our offering words are adapted from Let Us Look Into Our
Hearts*

by Erik Walker Wikstrom*

◆ Song - 301

Touch the Earth Reach the Sky

Introduced by John Hook | singing: BuxMont UU Fellowship,
Warrington, PA

◆ Benediction

May Our Faith Sustain Us

by Jim Wickman*

◆ 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

Be Thou, My Vision

music: Traditional Irish

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading our morning assembly today is the Walter Norris, a former Southern Baptist, who earned his BA and MDiv degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He writes, “I am a former Southern Baptist minister that took a sharp left turn and left evangelicalism. I am very interfaith oriented. I like to focus on a spiritual life than a religious life. I currently am a docent educator with the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. Walter and his spouse Marsha recently join our congregation.

Open Dialogue this morning! After Walt finishes his discourse we’ll have time for people to share their thoughts and comments about James Fowler’s 6 stages of spiritual growth. Please remember to wait for a microphone to come to you before speaking, so all - including those **watching on YouTube - can hear.**

The 42 Bed Bash (Reimagined) - The Texoma Family Shelter’s annual major fund raiser is Oct 13 at The Madelyn Venue & Guesthouse in Collinsville, 5:30 open, 6:30 dinner “*You’ll enjoy the elegant atmosphere of the 1860’s era barn (deconstructed in Ohio and moved to Collinsville by Amish builders), delicious food catered by Feast on This! Catering, a live and silent auction, and musical entertainment provided by The Self Family Band – a uniquely talented musical family from the Abilene area.*” The church is a co-sponsor as are Dick and Carol Powell. We have a table for 8 and tickets are available. Intrigued? Email Dick and Carol cdpowell@gmail.com for details.

The Board of Trustees meets today following the morning assembly.

Chair Yoga group meets Tuesday @ 10 in the chapel for an hour. Newcomers are always welcome.

The Fall Congregational Meeting is on Oct 16 starting with a potluck lunch. The packet of documents will be emailed tomorrow evening.

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: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Leading today: *Walter Norris*
- ◆ 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, OCTOBER 9, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

Comparative Religion

A Great Courses Video Series now thru Oct. 9

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Time In The Wilderness

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

Our experiences and understandings of wilderness are quite varied. For some, wilderness is a place of life threatening danger. For others, it is a place of trial and temptation. Some look at wilderness as wasted land that needs to come under the control, use, and ownership of human beings. Some see wilderness as a place of great beauty and spiritual inspiration. And some see wilderness as having value for its own sake as a place of biodiversity and flourishing ecosystems. This discourse will explore both historical and contemporary visions of wilderness with special attention given to the importance of preserving wilderness for sake of all life on earth.

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

Good Times Team 3

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

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