

*When the Sun of compassion arises darkness evaporates and
the singing birds come from nowhere.*

~ Amit Ray

Greeting one another

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

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Call to Community
Bring Your Broken Hallelujah Here
by Marta Valentin*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Dark of Winter
by Shelley Jackson Denham | performed by UUU Fellowship of Northfield, MN
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
The Light for Everyone Who Comes into the World
by Elizabeth M. Strong*
- ◆ 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 *Search the Darkness*
by Rumi
- ◆ Glimmers of Silver
How We Ended up Owning the Former Catholic Church
- ◆ Song - 142
Let There Be Light
Performing Patricia Wright, piano & Gisele Kulak, Soprano

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Reading
from *Learning to Walk in the Dark*
by Barbara Brown Taylor
- ◆ Practices
Meditation
When Light Shines, Darkness Becomes the Light
by Thich Nhat Hanh
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
Dark of Winter, reprise
- ◆ Reading
from *Loving Your Enemies*
by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ◆ Song
Sending You Light
Words & Music: African American Spiritual

Declaring our Possibilities

- ◆ Discourse
A Light Shines in the Darkness
by Mark Y.A. Davies

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
- ◆ Song - 118
This Little Light of Mine
- ◆ Parting Thought
Speaking of Faith
by Krista Tippet
- ◆ 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.*



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 in the Upcoming Services listing on our website.

The Board of Trustees meets this afternoon at 1 pm in the Alexander room. As always board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. If you want to be on the agenda, speak with Marilyn Alexander

Board Game w/ Texoma Nerds meets this afternoon from 2-6 in the Emerson Room. Open to all who wish to participate.

Last Thursday several people provided finger food for the Texoma Family Shelter’s open house. Thanks to all who agreed to prepare and deliver it to the Shelter. The staff was most appreciative of our assistance.

Chair Yoga meets on Tuesday @ 10. Please note the group will *not* meet on Dec 27 or Jan 3. The group reconvenes Jan 10, 2023.

Making It Happen This Morning:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Cass Brigham*
- ◆ 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: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Elbert & Marion Hill, Darlene McKimmell, Jim and Marsha Runnels*

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 joined us today.



Next Sunday, December 25, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL

The Worship Team, *leading*

The last time Christmas was on Sunday, we swapped worship for eggnog and Xmas cookies. This year a hybrid approach. We took the short sermon *A Christmas Birthday* by the Rev. Don Fielding and recorded the script as a stage reading while showing images to accompany the text. We will have eggnog, cookies, coffee, Christmas music and debut the video. The video will be available on our youtube channel Christmas morning as well.

12:15 pm – Christmas greetings and cookies and seasonal music.

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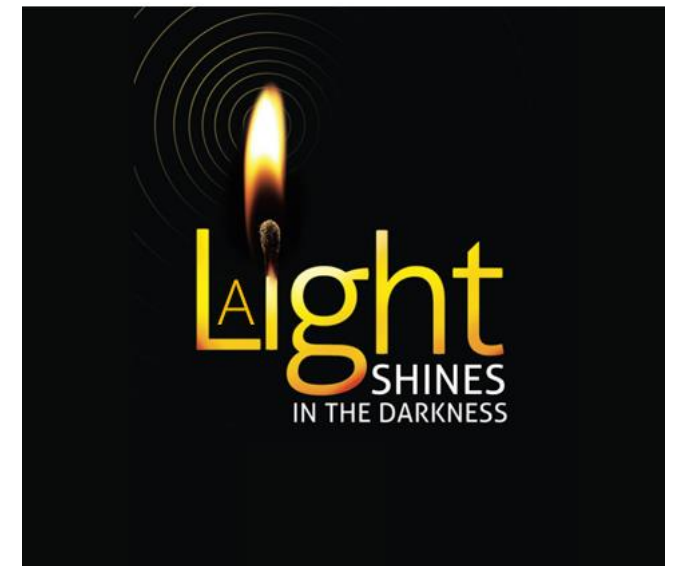
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022



To dwell together in peace