*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

*Out of Yearning*

Susan Manker-Seale\*

* Candles of Community/Prelude

*Love Knocks and Waits*by Daniel Charles Damon\* | performed by Vocas Aged, UU Society of Grafton & Upton, MA

* Lighting the Chalice

*In Times of Conflict*

by Amy Russell\*

* 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 *Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech*by Ellie Wiesel

* Song- 349

*Stand for Love*

by David Roth | singing: Anne Hills & David Roth

Embracing our Limitations

* Reading

from *Notes of a Native Son*by James Baldwin

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

* Practices

Meditation

*Mindfulness and Protesting*

by Reid Kessler

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response - 335

*Once When My Heart Was Passion Free*

* Reading

*"Family Values,"* from *The Worst Years of Our Lives: Irreverent Notes from a Decade of Greed*

by Barbara Ehrenreich

* Song

*We Will Go Out in The World*

by David Owens | singing: 1st UU of Salt Lake City

Declaring our Possibilities

* Discourse

*For and Against*

by Mark Y.A. Davies

Confirming our Faith

* Giving

*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*music: *From You I Receive*

* Song - 354

*We Laugh, We Cry*

* Parting Thought

*Love Expands*by Emma Goldman

* 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

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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 2022 giving tree** signup sheet it's on the bulletin board in the foyer. This year’s list focuses on inexpensive, mundane yet necessary items that are not within the budget.

**Marian Hill is organizing** our participation in the Texoma family shelters dinner program and is looking for people who might be on a team that would provide dinner either tomorrow, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening. Speak to her for details.

**Essentials for lay led congregations** this is special workshop, open to all next Saturday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It's held on zoom and is free. It is an opportunity to connect with other lay led congregations in areas of leadership development, pastoral care, and small group ministries, etc. Speak with Marilyn for details

Making It Happen This Morning:

* Board Rep: *Don Rogers*
* Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
* 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, Susie & Walter Norris*

Program notes continued 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 joined us today.*



Next Sunday, December 11, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

**Comparative Religion**  
A Great Courses Video Series now thru Jan 22

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

**In the Midst of Darkness, Light Persists**The Worship Team, *leading*

With December having the shortest days and longest nights, it's no surprise that people have developed customs and traditions which include light. We have selected six rituals and celebration - Advent, St Lucia Day, Winter Solstice, Yule, Christmas, and Kwanzaa – that are held in December. Join us as we explore the various approaches people use to honor, as Mahatma Gandhimused, *in the midst of darkness, light persists.*

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

Our answer to traditional coffee hour!

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**To dwell together in peace**

THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECCEMBER 4, 2022­­­­



