

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
~ Aldous Huxley

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Let There be Joy in our Coming Together This Morning
by Carl G. Seaburg*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
words: Louis Untermeyer | music: Robert N. Quaile
performed by Nick Sienkiewicz
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
In Times of Cold We Seek the Warming Fire
by Brian Kiely*
- ◆ 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 Brothers Karammazov*
by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- ◆ Song - 89
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Performed by: Journeysongs

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Mi Vida*
by José N. Harris

◆ Practices

Meditation

May Our Voices Be
by Mathew Rosin*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Calm and Relaxing Melodies

◆ Reading

from *Ethics of Ambiguity*
by Simone de Beauvoir

◆ Song - 348

Guide my Feet

words: traditional | music: Spiritual from connection of
Willis Laurence James | Performed by 1st UU Church of
Baltimore choir

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

It's a Conspiracy!
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
We Give Thanks
by Wendy Luella Perkins

◆ Song - 118

Just as Long as I Have Breath
words: Alicia S. Carpenter* | music: Johann G. Edling
performed by Michael Tacy*

◆ Parting Thought

The Story of My Experiments with Truth
by Mohandas Gandhi

◆ 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.*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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 today following the morning assembly. As always board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. If you want to be on the agenda, speak with Marilyn Alexander.

On Tuesdays: Chair Yoga meets from 10-11 in the chapel for an hour of low impact exercising. The Spiritual Study Group also meets at church on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 and newcomers are warmly encouraged to come.

Enjoy saying hello and welcome? Why not volunteer to be on the host team? Low time commitment, high satisfaction and you get to meet visitors! Speak with Marion Hill if you'd like to learn details.

An Exciting Sneak Peek *The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner event for 2023 will be on a bit different. This year the plan is for a special catered lunch following the morning assembly on **Sunday, February 26**. This annual highlight of our church year is both a joyful celebration and a meaningful honoring of our past and future. Won't you save the date in your calendar now? Watch for more information in the UPDATE, newsletter, website, mobile app, and morning programs!*

MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ 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, Jim & 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, JANUARY 22, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

Comparative Religions

This Great Courses Video Series has three more sessions, concluding on Sunday, January 29th.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Social Ethics of Social Media

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

The chaos at a certain social media company over the past few months raises the question, "What is the good of social media?" With billions of persons investing so much of their time and lives into their presence on social media, how can social media be used in ways that benefit rather than harm the well-being of the human community?

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Our answer to the traditional 'coffee hour' in which we meet, greet and get to know one another while enjoying an assortment of finger foods, often homemade! Do stay, the conversations are always interesting.

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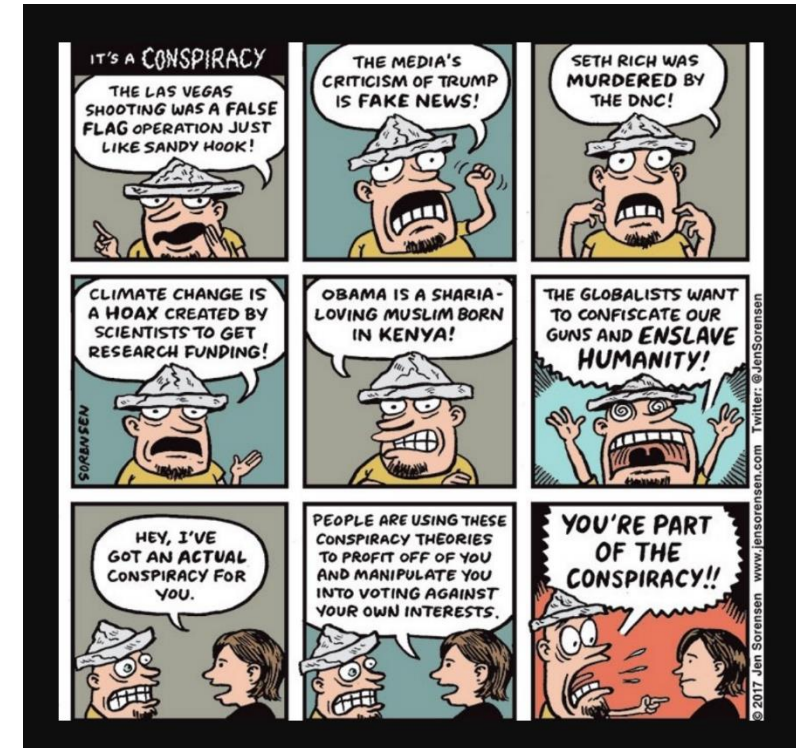
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022



To dwell together in peace