

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
Come into this circle of community. Come into this sacred space.
by Andrew Pakkula*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Open My Heart
by Henry S. Flurry
performed by Susan Sharp
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
The Chalice is a Symbol
by Debra Faulk*
- ◆ 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 *Müdigkeitsgesellschaft*
by Byung-Chul Han
- ◆ Song - 1023
Building Bridges
Performed by Julia Stubbs

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Two Boys Kissing*
by David Levithan

◆ Practices

Meditation

In the Midst of a World
by Rebecca Parker*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Flow Gently, Sweet Afton
music: J.E. Spilman | performed by Deep Roots

◆ Reading

from *Twilight of Democracy: The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism*
by Anne Applebaum

◆ Song

The Social Media Song
Written and performed by Shinoa Kee

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

The Social Ethics of Social Media
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
Sing and Rejoice
words & music traditional round

◆ Song - 118

We Shall Be Known
by Karisha Longaker of MaMuse
performed by How We Thrive choir

◆ Parting Thought

What Matters Most
by Todd Perelmuter

◆ 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

Here Together Going Forth
by David Glasgow | performed by UU Congregation of Charlottesville, VA

*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.

Bigger Than Rowe 50 Year Rally today in front of the Court House in Sherman from 4-5 pm Details on the church calendar. See Jan for details.

The Committee on Ministry will be available today follow the morning assembly for anyone, member or friend, who would like to speak with them regarding suggestions, praises and concerns one may have about our various lay-led ministries. Carolyn, Elbert and Jim will be lingering in the chapel.

5th Sunday All Church Potluck is next week! Plan on bringing a dish to share and tarrying following the morning discourse for a lively gathering of kindred souls!

MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn and Bruce Cameron*
- ◆ 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: *Marilyn Alexander, Hannah Peterson, Bruce & Carolyn Cameron*

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 29, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

This Great Courses Video Series concludes today. Check the February newsletter to learn what's coming next.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

REACTION TO MODERNITY

The Rev. Walter Norris, *leading*

Karen Armstrong in several of her books about the history of religion reveals that "religious fundamentalism is a 20th Century phenomenon." She further communicates that "this phenomenon is a reaction or rejection to modernity." I am taking the opportunity to develop a three-part exposure of religious fundamentalism that will take place over three different morning discourses, each focusing on a Century - the 19th, 20th, and 21st. On Sunday we will start with the early indicators during the 19th Century looking at the lessons from "Frankenstein", Marxism, Evolution, and the loss of colonialism.



12:15 pm – All Church Potluck Lunch - Plan on staying next Sunday for our 5th Sunday all church potluck lunch. Bring a dish of your choice to share and stick around for a spell. It's always a nice event.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

