

If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you will look forward, do so prayerfully. But the wisest course would be to be present in the present gratefully.

~ Maya Angelou

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
from *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
by Annie Dillard
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Come, Come, Whoever You Are
music: Lynn Unger* | words: Adapted from Rumi
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Congregation Chalice the Promise and the Practice
by Rebekah Savage
- ◆ 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 *Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists*
by Christopher Cameron
- ◆ Song
All Creatures of the Earth and Sky
music: Thomas Benjamin* | Singers: 1st Unitarian Church, Baltimore DE choir*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *The Promise and the Practice of our Faith for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism*
by Rev. Kevin Tarsa*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

◆ Practices

Meditation

Let Us Be Thankful by Viola Abbitt*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Interlude by Martha Mier

◆ Reading

from *In Honor and Praise to Black Rage*

by Byron “Tyler” Coles*

◆ Song

How Can I Keep from Singing

music: Johann Hermann Schein | words: Robert Lowry

| Singing: Amanda Marie

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

The BLUU Story

by Jana Norris

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

AnnouuLet There be an Offering

by Brandoch L. Lovely*

◆ Song

We Are

Written and performed by Ysaye Barnwell

(She sang it also at the 2020 UU General Assembly)

◆ Parting Thought

A Prayer for the Days Ahead

by Osagyefo Sekou*

◆ Benediction

The Blessing of Truth be Upon Us

by Duke T. Gray*

◆ 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

Once to Every Man and Nation

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading our morning assembly Jana Norris Jana Norris is a member of Red River UU Church. She earned her law degree from U of California Davis, practiced family law mostly in Dallas and Rockwall Counties, and retired to Grayson County, with a stint in MidCoast Maine.

She grew up Methodist, tried the Episcopal Church for a few years, then found a spiritual home in the California neopagan community. Since returning to Texas, she has found fellowship and delight in the UU Church. She is on the Worship Team and the minister search committee in 2022.

Many UU congregations hold a once-a-year special all-church get-togethers that go by names like Fellowship Dinner, Homecoming Night, Service Auction, Plant Fair and many more. Nice times are had but those who went left were a tad poorer since the underling purpose is to raise \$\$\$. We raise money by sending everyone a letter asking to contribute, and people send money. Our annual special event is similar (to a point). We come for free food (always draws more of us), and after enjoying eating together, we are never nudged to donate. Rather we talk about people, right in front of them. It makes us smile. We give our ‘gift of presence’ we boldly say our genuine words of appreciation, maybe seriously, maybe with humor, to everyone as our gathered duty for what a splendid church we have. It is our corporate responsibility to our church for being who it is because we, our lay led congregation that next month will conclude our 25 anniversary, have yet another year under our belts. We gather in the chapel on Sunday, Feb 26 for a catered dinner immediately following the morning assembly. You, dear friend who are reading this, are part of what makes us who we are. See you at the Appreciation Sunday Dinner, won’t we? We gather in the chapel on Sunday, Feb 26 for a catered dinner

Tuesday’s Events: Chair Yoga -10 am | Spiritual Self-help Group/BookClub at 6:30 pm. Both events welcome newcomers

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.



WHO'S DOING WHAT TODAY:

- ◆ Board Rep: Don Rogers
- ◆ Greeting us at the door:
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Michelle Haynes*
- ◆ Guest Speaker: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 2*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

The Long Strange Trip

A Journey Through Two Thousand Years Of
Unitarian Universalist History

Now through April 23rd

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Ecological Salvation

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

Salvation is a concept shared by a number of different religious traditions and typically focuses on the salvation of individuals or portions of the human community from evil, travails, suffering, and even death itself. The context of the ecological devastation of our times calls for an expansion of the religious concept of salvation to include the salvation of the whole ecological community. You can read Mark's bio [here](#)

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, February 12, 2023



*Spiritually Active
Joyfully Inclusive
Committed to Justice*

