

“The generation that destroys the environment is not the generation that pays the price. That is the problem.”

~ Wangari Maathai

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

### ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

### ◆ Call to Community

*The Calling of the Creatures*

by Ian W. Riddell\*

### ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude

*Soon the Day Will Arrive*

words Ehud Manor | music Nurit Hirsch | UU Society of Grafton & Upton. MA choir singing

### ◆ Lighting the Chalice

*There is Light*

by Eric Williams\*

### ◆ 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 *Urbanization Without Cities: The Rise and Decline of Citizenship*

by Murray Bookchin

### ◆ Song

*Vocalise*

by Sergie Rachmaninoff (Op. 34 No 14)

Candice Helfand-Rogers, Soprano; Adam Podd, piano

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

### ◆ Reading

from *Bringing it to the Table: On Farming and Food*

by Wendell Berry

### ◆ Practices

#### Meditation

*Honoring Our Mothers*

by Gary Kowalski\*

#### Quiet Sitting for a Moment

#### Musical Response

*Meditation* | composed by Darrell Courtley | sung by Darrell and Mary Courtley

### ◆ Reading

from *Too Small to Fail: Why Small Nations Outperform Larger Ones and How They Are Reshaping the World*

by R. James Breiding

### ◆ Song - 300

*We Will Not Stop Singing*

by The Chapin Sisters, arr. Adam Podd | singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Brooklyn, NY choir

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

### ◆ Discourse

*Ecological Salvation*

by Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

### ◆ Giving

*We Gather Together*

music *We Gather Together* | performed by Bonnie Ettinger\*

### ◆ Song - 354

*We Are Living Earth*

written and performed by James Underberg

### ◆ Parting Thought

from *Net Positive: How Courageous Companies Thrive by Giving More Than They Take*

by Paul Polman

### ◆ 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

*Sonata in G Major* by Domenico Scarlatti

Performed by Rubin Piirainen\*

\*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.

**The Appreciation Dinner** is next Sunday, immediately following the Morning Program. Everyone is invited to enjoy a catered dinner while we take time to appreciate how successful our lay-led congregation is in creating and sustaining the only religiously liberal community in Texoma. The Bruce Cameron Distinguished Service Award will be given as well as opportunities for individuals to offer thanks and appreciation to people they wish to appreciate. It always is a joyous gathering. (To entice you even more ~ Lunch is catered.)

**Tuesday's Events:** Chair Yoga -10 am |Spiritual Self-help Group/BookClub. Both events welcome newcomers.

**On the cover** *Pasional* is a piece of digital artwork by Fabricio Rios.

## 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: *Good Times Team Three*

## 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, FEBRUARY 26, 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

Amazing Young Peace Activists  
Marla Loturco, *leading*

Many times, we think of people who have made a difference in the arena of peace as older and wiser. Today I want to challenge that perception by talking about three young women of color who have been making a difference despite their age, or maybe because of it.

These three women are:

- ♦ Amanda Gorman (24),
- ♦ Malala Yousafzia (25), and
- ♦ Ameriyanna Copey (15).

Come join us for a refreshing and hopeful look at some of our youth.

12:15 pm – **The Appreciation Sunday Dinner** – Open to all, catered lunch plus opportunities to offer your words of joy for all the things we each do to make our church glow (and grow).

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, February 19, 2023



*Spiritually Active*  
*Joyfully Inclusive*  
*Committed to Justice*