

The Bible has noble poetry in it... and some good morals and a wealth of obscenity, and upwards of a thousand lies.

~ Mark Twain

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
A Renewed Hope for This World
by Nathan Ryan*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Love Will Guide Us
words: Sally Rogers | music: Traditional | performed
by 1st Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD*
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
Open to Unexpected Answers
by Julianne Lepp*
- ◆ 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 *American Gods*
by Neil Gaiman
- ◆ Song 128
For All That Is Our Life
words: Bruce Findlow | music: Patrick L. Rickey |
Singing: Christopher Watkins Lamb* & friends*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *The Power of Myth*
by Joseph Campbell

◆ Practices

Meditation

Returning to the World

by James Ishmael Ford *

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Presto music: J.S. Bach, performed by Barolk Folk

◆ Reading

from *the Cry for Myth*

by Rollo May

◆ Song - 1017

We Are Building a New Way

by: Martha Sandefer | performed by Brian Kenny, Alena
Hemingway, Mike Menefee

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

The Wisdom and Danger of Religious Myths

by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Sing & Rejoice

music *From You I Receive* | by Joseph & Nathan Segal

◆ Song - 1037

We Begin Again in Love

words: Robert Eller-Issacs* | music: Les Kleen* | per-
formed by: Linli Wang*

◆ Parting Thought

from *On Myth*

by Madeleine L'Engle

◆ 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

Reprise of the Musical Response

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.

Many thanks to those who volunteered at our last Children's Free Clothing Swap held in the chapel Friday and yesterday – and – to those who dropped in yesterday and joined the letter writing party to TX state officials regarding LGBTQAI rights. A lot of clothing was given out and many letters were written.

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

Our Upcoming Special Sunday will be with soon! The date is Mar 26, the purpose is to celebrate completing our Silver Anniversary year by joining in a special morning assembly followed by our annual Appreciation Dinner open to all. Together we've become a well settled part of the larger community (even if many have never heard of us.) Everyone is encouraged to come be part of the morning.

MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board Rep: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *TBA*
- ◆ 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 Two*

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, MARCH 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

What's Your Story

Elena Westbrook, *leading*

As soon as we can talk, humans ask for stories. Stories are how we make sense of our world. But have you ever thought about the story you tell yourself about yourself? In this service, we'll look at how the stories we tell shape our experience, and how changing them can perhaps reshape our future. Read Elena's bio on our website's home page 'This Sunday'.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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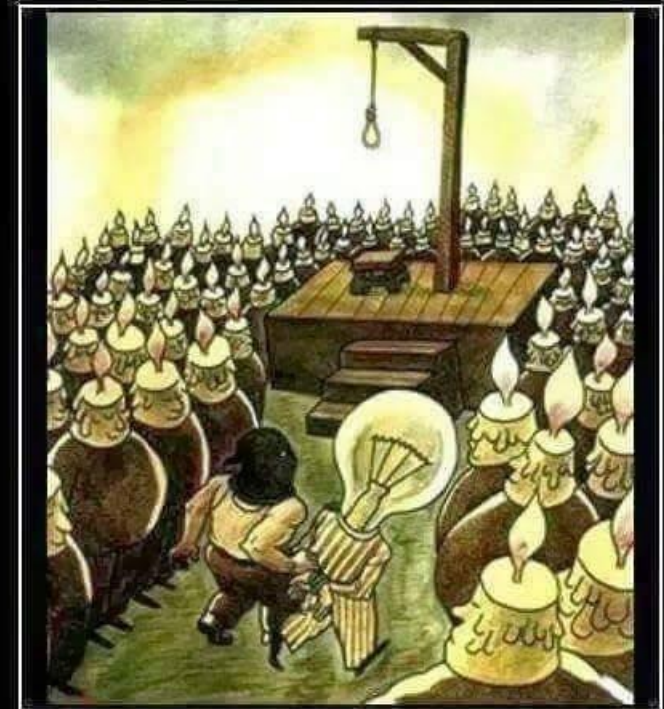
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, March 12, 2023



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