

I'll be a story in your head. That's okay. We're all stories in the end. Just make it a good one, eh?

~ Steven Moffat, scriptwriter in Doctor Who

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
What the Ancients Knew
by Annie Peek*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
The Happiest Song I know
by John Forster & Tom Chapin | singing: Tom Chapin & Vanessa Williams
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
by Wayne B. Arnason*
- ◆ 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 *A Happy Childhood*
by William Matthews
- ◆ Song
Sing Me the Story of Your Day
By Tom Chapin

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Prophecies of Possibility*
by Jamie Figueroa

- ◆ Song
Greatest Story Never Told
music, words and performed by John McCutcheon
- ◆ Practices
Meditation
A Kol Nidrei
by Mark Belletine*
- Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
What's Your Story
by Elena Westbrook

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
or donate on the church app*
music: *Sing & Rejoice*
- ◆ Song
Japanese Bowl
by Peter Mayer*
- ◆ Parting Thought
by William Stafford
- ◆ 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*



PROGRAM NOTES

Returning to be with us again is Elena Westbrook. *Elena Westbrook has been a member of Community UU Church in Plano for more than 25 years and a member of their worship team for more than half that time. Raised a liberal Christian, she has developed a personal theology that draws on Buddhist, neo-pagan and Quaker traditions as well as Unitarian Universalism. She and her husband Paul live in a passive & active solar house in Fairview and try to do their best for the climate and democracy. The UUA Worship Web has published several submissions written by Elena.*

The Board of Trustees meets today at 1 pm for their regular monthly board meeting which is always open to any who might want to sit in.

Special Zoom Concert tonight at 7 pm to honor World Water Day. Get the details in the church calendar on our website's home page.

Tuesday events: Chair yoga @ 10 am and Self-help group/bookclub gathers at 6:30 pm. Each event lasts an hour.

Our Upcoming Special Sunday is next week. You can read the details on the other side of today's morning program.

MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING

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

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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 26, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

The Long Strange Trip

A Journey Through 2,000 Years Of Unitarian

Universalist History

Now through April 23rd

11:15 am – *A Special Sunday Morning Assembly*

Polish The Silver

The Worship Team, *leading*

Join the Worship Team as we put a final shine on the Silver Anniversary of the founding of our liberal religious congregation. We held our very first meeting on March 26, 1997, and it is a beautiful symmetry to celebrate our founding on another March 26th. In the past year, we have seen various “glimmers of silver” in our Sunday Morning Assemblies, and now on the final Sunday of this 25th anniversary year, we will put our silvery history on full display as we reflect upon our past and anticipate a golden future.

12:15 pm – The Appreciation Sunday Dinner

You and your family are warmly invited to join us for our annual Appreciation Dinner, this year a catered “Sunday dinner” that will start immediately following the morning assembly.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023

What's your story?



Spiritually Alive

Radically Inclusive

Justice Centered