

Nature is all abundant...Nature suggests hope, joy, abundance, belief, re-generation, allowance, sharing, love, beauty, and acceptance.
~ Sanchita Pandey

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Wind, Water, Sun
by Seth Carrier-Ladd*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
220 – *Bring Out the Festal Bread*
words: Mark Belletini | music: Hebrew folk song
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
A Spark of Hope
Melanie Davis
- ◆ 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 *Dark Cloud Country: The 4 Relationships of Regeneration*
by Daniel Firth Griffith
- ◆ Song 217
O Sing Hallelujah
words: adapt. From Psalm 150 and Avinu Malkeinu
music: A.W. Binder

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Reflection on Regeneration*
by Aldous Huxley

◆ Practices

Meditation

All That We Have Been, All That We Will Become

by Leslie Ahuvah Fails*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response - 88

Calm Soul of All Things

music: Thomas Tallis | words: Mathew Arnold

◆ Reading

from *Death and Life*

by B.G. Bowers

◆ Song - 266

Now the Green Blade Riseth

music: medieval French carol | words: John McLeod*
performed by Les Tacy*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

The Hope of Regeneration

by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

16 - *Tis a Gift to be Simple*

music *American Shaker tune* | words: Joseph Brackett

◆ Song - 268

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

words: Charles Wesley | music: Lyra Davidica

◆ Parting Thought

from *Hope*

by Emily Dickinson

◆ 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 - *Tis a Gift to be Simple*

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.

Our musical selections were selected to acknowledge and honor Passover and Easter. Passover the springtime Jewish festival celebrating the early Israelites' exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery. Jews observe it by hosting a ritual dinner, called a seder, and then by abstaining from eating all leavened bread for about a week. Easter is a springtime Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and freedom from sin and death. It is preceded by a series of holidays commemorating Jesus's path to the cross. One of these holidays is Maundy Thursday, which, aside from being a great name for a holiday, is a remembrance of the Last Supper, which was a seder. In the United States, many Christians observe Easter by attending a ritual meal between breakfast and lunch, called a brunch

Membership Committee meets today following the morning assembly. Gathering in the chapel.

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

In case you missed Jan Fletcher's wonderful article "Lobby Day and Beyond" in the current UPDATE, look it up and read it. Our republic is so fractured, it is comforting to learn of the Unitarian Universalist outreach to bring about some sense of balance.

And speaking of a sense of balance, don't forget to donate one of the most precious gifts we can offer – our time! Where? At the Earth Day Festival. You can download the volunteer registration sheet which is available in the April issue of *Red River Ramblings*. Help on set up day, Fri Apr 21 and help during the festival on Sat. Apr 22. As the tagline says: **Red River UU – the Reason Earth Day is in Texoma.**

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.



MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board rep: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ◆ Ask me host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ 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 2*

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 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

The Wisdom and Dangers of Religious Myths

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

The scriptures of the world's religions contain great wisdom for humanity, but they are products of their context, and when we attempt to take them literally and apply them without critical interpretation, they can be used in unhealthy, dangerous, and even deadly ways. the salvation of the whole ecological community.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, April 9, 2023

REGENERATION



To make over, to generate again, to reproduce;
renewal, recreation, to be born again.

Spiritually Active

Radically Inclusive

Committed to Justice