

*Pluralism isn't just diversity;
it's something we create out of this diversity.*

~ Diana L. Eck

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
As we gather together this morning...
by Bets Wienecke*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Honoring Our Common Connection and Our Uniqueness
by Adam Slate*
- ◆ 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 *The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth*
by Jonathan Rauch
- ◆ Song - 188
Come, Come Whoever You Are
Michael Tacy* singing

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Reading
from *Thinking the Twentieth Century*
by Timothy Snyder
- ◆ Practices
~Meditation
It's Hard Work
by Rosemary Bray McNatt*

~Quiet Sitting for a Moment

~Musical Response

- ◆ Reading
from *A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community*
by Simone Campbell
- ◆ Song – 323
Break Not the Circle
1st Unitarian Church of Baltimore choir

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The Value of Pluralism
by Mark Y.A. Davies

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
- ◆ Song - 407
We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table
1st Unitarian Church of Baltimore choir
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *Seeds Of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*
by Sulak Sivaraksa
- ◆ 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

Program Notes

Joining us this morning is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read his bio on the “This Sunday” listing on our church website and mobile app.

The Spring Congregational Meeting is TODAY, starting with a potluck lunch immediately following the morning assembly. Open to everyone. Did you forget to vote? Panic not, speak with Jim or Doug who will let you vote using their cell phones.

On Tuesday the Chair Yoga group meets in the chapel at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercises and the Spiritual Self Help Group/Book Club gathers at 6:30 pm. New-comers are welcome.

A Special Event is coming this Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 when Gian Girardi, founder of the Brain Optimization Holistic Institute will be speaking on *Awaken to Your True Nature*. Check out the posted on church bulletin boards.

If you'd like to update your gold name tag in favor of our new name tags, you may order one today from Amy Hoffman-Shehan. Cost is \$9.

Newsletter Deadline for the June issue of Red River Ramblings is next Saturday, May 27. Send your stuff, as always, to news@redriveruu.org

On the cover “Multicultural” oil on canvass, 2009, by Robert Daniels, award-winning artist from Oklahoma city with more than 40 years of coast-to-coast art show experience.

Making Things Happen Today

- ◆ Board rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ 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: Everyone with food for the potluck before the congregational meeting. Open to all.

Program notes continues on back panel

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 mobile app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the Apps Store (or use the QR code on the back panel.)

This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.



Next Sunday, May 28, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau
and the Transcendentalist Movement
Now thru June 16th

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Peace Sunday #6
Marla Loturco, leading

Last year we had five "Peace Sundays" based on the book *Great Peacemakers: True Stories from Around the World* by Ken Beller and Heather Chase. This Sunday we will continue exploring their work with peace leaders Riane Eisler and His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. We hope you will enjoy learning about these individuals.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #4 will be providing refreshments.

Red River Unitarian Universalists
515 North Burnett Ave
mail: PO BOX 1806
Denison, TX 75020
903.231.3232 redriveruu.org
Download our mobile app >>>>



THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
Spring Congregational Meeting Day



SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
RADICALLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED