LGBT people are some of the bravest and most potent change agents and leaders I have encountered, and the most forceful defenders of the vulnerable and voiceless, because they know what it's like to be there.  $\sim$  Ronan Farrow

#### Gathering our Community

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community

A Protest and a Party by Hannah Roberts Villnave\*

Candles of Community/Prelude

 Chalice Lighting Living with Pride by Lori Gorgas Hlaban\*

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
   First They Came
   by Martin Niemoller
- Reading

*Witness and Pride* by Eli Clare\*

- Song 170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People
- Reading

*For Pride* by Lois Van Leer

#### Embracing our Limitations

Practices

Prayer Everybody's In by Lori Walke Prayer, continued Quiet Sitting for a Moment Musical Response
Song – 123 Spirit of Life

#### DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

Discourse

**"For the good of society** ... ...transgenderism must be eradicated from public life entirely - the whole preposterous ideology, at every level" by Adrian Hinman

# Confirming our Faith

Giving

An Offering for Different Social Classes by Frances Koziar\* Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.

- Song 1053
   How Could Anyone
- Benediction

As We Go Forward by Cheryl Block\*

- 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

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalist authors

# Program Notes

**Our morning assembly today** was created by members of the LGBTQAI+ committee and the worship team.

**The flowers in the chapel this morning** are given by Doug in memory of his husband John Picot.

A conversation on the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle with Paula Cole Jones next Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:30 via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paula Cole Jones (the soon to be elected president of the UUA). The TX UU Justice Ministry is sponsoring this virtual free event. Let's explore the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle with guest Paula Cole Jones, how it fits with Article II, and gain crucial insights before General Assembly. Please speak with Doug who can guide you through the online registration.

**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. Newcomers are welcome.

# Making Things Happen Today

- Board rep: Don Rogers
- Greeting us at the door: Susie Norris
- Keyboardist: Dan Althoff
- Worship Associate: Jack Bolerjack
- Guest Speaker: Adrian Hinman
- AV crew: Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco
- Sunday school leader: David Dyer
- Providing refreshments: Good Times Team 2

#### 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, June 18, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement Now thru June 18

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

# The Quest for Truth Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

Perhaps commitment to the Truth is best expressed in a realization that we as individuals, communities, cultures, political groups, and religions will never fully possess the Truth and therefore ought to proceed with great humility about truth claims concerning the what, how, and why of Reality and that which is Ultimate. This is not equivalent to moral relativism as we have significant consensus that we should do no harm to others and help each other flourish as persons. It is an attitude of humility that allows us to appreciate truth, goodness, and beauty in our own perspectives without absolutizing them in ways that diminish the perspectives of others.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories Good Times Team #2 will be providing refreshments.

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023





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