

Recognize that all beings are interdependent, and every form of life has value regardless of its worth to human beings. ~ Earth Charter

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
 - Co-Regulation*
 - by Elizabeth Mount*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
 - Nocturne*
 - composed & performed by Asher Fulero
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
 - There is Light*
 - by Eric Williams*
- ◆ 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 Land Ethic, A Sand County Almanac*
 - by Aldo Leopold
- ◆ Song - 203
 - All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*
 - performed by Michael Tacy*
- ◆ Reading
 - from *The Embers and the Stars*
 - by Erazim Kohák

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Practices
 - Guided Meditation on the Ecological Self*
 - by David J. Voelker*

Practices, continued

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Improvisation

composed & performed by Jervy Hou

- ◆ Reading
 - from *A New Climate for Theology*
 - by Sally McFague
- ◆ Song – 207
 - Earth Was Given as a Garden*
 - performed Benjamin Hanson & Georgia Peebles

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
 - It is Not Just About Us*
 - by Mark Y.M.Davies

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving
 - Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*
 - Music: Reprise of *Improvisation* by Jervy Hou
- ◆ Song -175
 - We Celebrate the Web of Life*
 - performed by Community UU Congregation of White Plains, NY
- ◆ Parting Thought
 - from *Silent Spring*
 - by Rachel Carson
- ◆ 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

Festive Postlude in C Major

music: Paul Fey | played on Hauptwerk Organ by Rob Stefanussen

Program Notes

We welcome, again, to our midst the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies who while being a minister in the Methodist tradition, has warm feelings for Unitarian Universalists which he celebrates whenever he is in our midst. You may read his impressive resume on the home page of our website.

The New Worship Survey arrived in your inbox early this morning. Everyone is encouraged to complete this absolutely anonymous survey to give the worship team feedback on our Morning Assemblies. Printed copies are available from Doug (you may also download the PDF from the email). Please return your survey by Sept. 10th.

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 always welcome.

On Thursday the minister's search team meets @ 2 pm in the Alexander room. The meeting is open to all who may wish to attend.

Who's Doing What This Morning

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Guest Minister: *the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes,*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 2*

Program notes continues on back panel

Welcome Guest

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, August 20, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement

now through October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

Envisioning the Future by Reimagining the World

Jana Norris, *leading*

Weaving together the threads of earth religions, permaculture, psychology, and city planning to come to a place that embraces all people and honors the earth.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #3 will be providing refreshments.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

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