

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\*
- ◆ Prelude & Candles of Community  
*The Fire of Commitment*  
words: Mary Katherine Morn\* | music: Jason Shelton\*  
performed by UU Society of Upton & Grafton, MA
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*A Womanist Lord's Prayer*  
by Rev Yolanda Norton
- ◆ 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  
*What's It Going to Take?*  
by Jana Norris
- ◆ Song - 1069  
*Ancient Mother*  
performed by Jess Huettemen

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
*Five Lessons in Imagining the Future*  
by Errin Carter
- ◆ Practices  
Poem  
*You Reading This, be Ready*  
By William Stafford

- ◆ Practices, *continued*  
Stillness for a Time  
Musical response

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Envisioning the Future by Reimagining the World*  
by Jana Norris\*

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Let There Be an Offering*  
by Brandoch L. Lovely\*
- ◆ Song - 1058  
*Be Ours a Religion*  
performed by Jan Jaffe
- ◆ Parting Thought  
from *When the World Goes Mad*  
by John Roedel
- ◆ 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  
*Go Lifted Up*  
words and music: Mortimer B. Barron | performed by First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD

## PROGRAM NOTES

This morning we welcome to the free pulpit our own Jana Norris. Jana Norris is a member of Red River UU Church. She earned her law degree from U of California Davis, practiced family law mostly in Dallas and Rockwall

Counties, and retired to Grayson County, with a stint in Midcoastal Maine.

She grew up Methodist, tried the Episcopal Church for a few years, then found a spiritual home in the California neopagan community. Since returning to Texas, she has found fellowship and delight in the UU Church. She serves on the Worship Team and was elected to the minister search team in 2022.

**The New Worship Survey** was sent to everyone on the church eList last week. Everyone is encouraged to complete this absolutely anonymous survey to give the worship team feedback on our Morning Assemblies. You can take the survey from your computer or cell phone using the links that are posted on the church website's homepage; the church calendar; our RedRiverUU mobile app and our Facebook page. Return your survey by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Worship Associates: *Shanna (Jack) Bolerjack, Melliessa Dayes*
- ◆ Guest Speaker: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes,*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 2*

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## 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, AUGUST 27, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the  
Transcendentalist Movement

now through October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

The Twelve Steps: My Story

Sherrilyn B. *guest speaker*

*“Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength and hope.”*

Forward to the 3rd ed. of the Big Book

Today, one alcoholic will share her story with all of us. A story full of all of the things that make up a life well lived, Sherilyn B. speaks of her two lives, about the 36 years before sobriety and the 35 years since.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #3 will be providing refreshments.

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023



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