

Poverty is the worst form of violence

~ Mahatma Gandhi

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
 - Committed to Respond*
 - by Lynn Harrison*
- ◆ Prelude with Candles of Community
 - Good Gig in the Clouds*
 - composed & performed by Joel Cummings
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
 - We Prepare for the Future*
 - by Robin F. Gray*
- ◆ 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 *Chance for Peace*
 - by Dwight D. Eisenhower
- ◆ Song - 134
 - Our World Is One World*
 - performed by Michael Tacy*
- ◆ Reading
 - from *Half the Sky*
 - by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices
 - A Prayer Addressing All Hungers*
 - by Debra Smith

Practices, *continued*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Midnight Memories

composed & performed by NyKuo

- ◆ Reading
 - from *Poverty, By America*
 - by Matthew Desmond
- ◆ Song
 - Cuando el Pobre / When the Poor*
 - Words: José Antonio Oliver & Martin A. Seltz
 - Music: José Antonio Oliver & Miguel Manzano
 - Singing: 1st UU Church of Baltimore, MD chorus

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
 - Ending Poverty*
 - by Mark Y.M. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
 - Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*
 - Music: *Tune for Piano and String*
 - composed and performed by James Tolich
- ◆ Song -125
 - From the Crush of Wealth and Power*
 - performed by Congregational United Church of Christ,
Ashland, OR
- ◆ Parting Thought
 - from *Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business
and the Future of Capitalism*
 - by Muhammad Yunus

◆ 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

Les Plaisirs

words and music: John Lennon & Paul McCartney
performed by Joshua Ritkin Baroque Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Kindly remember to take the worship team survey before next Sunday because Sept. 10th is the deadline.

The chair yoga group continues to gather on Tuesday mornings at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercising. If you feel stiff and wish you were a bit more flexible, why not give chair yoga a try? You might be delighted with the results.

The Spiritual Self Help Group/Book club meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 for an hour discussion. Open to all who are interested in participating. Not sure? Why not come on Tuesday and give it a try.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Guest Minister: *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 1*

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 App Store (or use the QR code on the back panel.)

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



NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalists

now through October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

What Will You Bring To The Feast?

Water Communion Sunday

The Worship Team, *leading*

This year our Water Communion will be celebrated with a folk tale about trickery at a royal feast. It provides a fresh lens for our Unitarian Universalist tradition of the water ceremony.

As we begin a new congregational year by mingling our various contributions of water from the summer, each of us must answer these questions:

Will I contribute the best of myself to this beloved community?

Will I share my gifts, adding to our abundance? or

Will I hold back my gifts for my own use?

Please bring a small vial of water and a contribution for the Denison Shelter. The list for the shelter includes: Mayonnaise, miracle whip, Paper Plates, Plastic Wear, Paper Towels, Solo Cups, Hamburger Buns, Hotdog Buns, Sliced bread, sliced cheese, shredded cheese, bottled water, snack foods, drinks like fruit juice, gallon zip lock bags, black sharpies, flour tortillas, tortilla chips, potato chips

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #2 will be providing refreshments.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



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