

A Unitarian is a person who believes in at most one God.
~ Alfred North Whitehead*

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community
Invitation to Join the Journey
by Lyn Cox*
- ♦ Prelude/ Candles of Community
May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
music: Robert N. Quaille | Bonnie Ettinger, pianist
- ♦ Chalice Lighting
For Each and For All
by Erik Walker Wikstrom*
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ New Member Ceremony

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought
- ♦ Song - 123
Spirit of Life
Performed by Julia Stubbs*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices
Meditation
Meditation on Attention
by Nancy Reid-McKee*
Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Lifting up contributions by Unitarian Universalists

Musical Response

Southwest Prelude

Composed & performed by Cornell Kinderknecht

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse
Unitarian Universalist Spirituality
by Don Fielding

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving
You Are a Generous People
by Michael Hall
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
Music: *Thirty Seconds of Relaxing Music*
- ♦ Song - 21
For the Beauty of the Earth
performed by Michael Tacy* & friends
- ♦ Parting Thought
- ♦ 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
Voice Still and Small
words & music: John Corrado*

PROGRAM NOTES

Returning to us this morning is the Rev. Dr. Don Fielding, who has been, over the years, a most welcomed guest minister. Don's first visit to Red River UU was to attend our inaugural worship experience on March 26, 1997 - before we were Red River UU ☺.

It is a joy having him with us again.

Following the morning assembly, you are warmly invited to join us for a special potluck lunch which will start as soon as the chapel is converted to a dining hall.

The 26th Annual Fall Congregational Meeting follows lunch. Members are urged to stay, and visitors are cordially invited to join us to see how we govern ourselves. (UU's are bound together into an Association of independent congregations and not a denomination like most other faiths.)

The meeting documents will be projected on the screens and are also available on the church app – tap the “Meeting Documents” tab on the home screen.

On Tuesday, the Chair Yoga group meets in the chapel at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercises and the Spiritual Perspectives gathers at 6:30 pm. Newcomers are welcome.

The deadline for the November newsletter is next Saturday. Please send your stuff to news@redriveruu.org no later than Saturday.

Kudos to our welcoming congregation committee



for their participation in yesterday's Grayson Pride event at Mustang Creek Ranch where they drew people to their booth with a drawing to win one of four baskets!

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 focus 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.



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ◆ Leading today: *the Rev. Dr. Don Fielding*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing lunch: *All who remembered to bring something*

Next Sunday, October 29, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

A Visual Look at the Universe

Now thru Nov. 19

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Peace Makers #10 – More Leaders

Caring for the Planet

Marla Loturco, leading

Why worry about the planet? It certainly seems a relevant topic to me right now with all of the extreme weather experiences, loss of pollinators and other natural struggles. Our last two peace leaders from the book “Great Peacemakers: True Stories from Around the World” by Ken Beller and Heather Chase are Nader Khalili, an advocate for “Sustainable Community,” and Wangari Maathai, who through planting seeds sees it as “Planting Seeds of Peace.”

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

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Love radically.
Serve gratefully.
Wonder daily.
Unitarian Universalism



Spiritually Alive
Radically Inclusive
Justice Centered