

Public discourse has been polluted now for decades by corporate-funded disinformation.

~ Michael Mann

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Children of the earth and sky
by Alice Berry*
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
As We Sing of Hope & Joy
performed by the UU Church, Utica, NY choir
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
The Balance We Seek
Sharon Wylie
- ◆ 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 *Saving Us*
Katherine Hayhoe
- ◆ Song - 207
Earth was Given as a Garden

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Reading
from *Our Fragile Moment*
by Michael Mann
- ◆ Practices
Meditation
All Our Relations
by Gary Kowalski*

Practices, continued

- ◆ Quiet Sitting for a Moment
- ◆ Musical Response
Be Ours a Religion performed by Eva Riebold
- ◆ Reading
from *Our Fragile Moment*
by Michael Mann
- ◆ Song
We Are the World/Heal the World
Voices of Hope Children's Choir, Orange County, CA

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Reflections on "Our Fragile Moments"
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
Music: *One minute Piano Interlude*
- ◆ Song
Three Five O
written & performed by Fred Small* with Sol Y Canto
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *Our connection to each other and this community remains*
by Kathy Al Huff*
- ◆ 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
All Are Architects
performed by Sharon Matchett* & Anna Hamilton*

PROGRAM NOTES

Joining us this morning is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read his bio on the "This Sunday" listing on our church website and mobile app.

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.

Next Saturday is our FriendsGiving Dinner from 2-4 pm in the Chapel. This occasion is designed to include in our Beloved Community those who may have lost their family attachments due to their sexuality/gender expression and who feel disconnected from love and acceptance. These family-centric holidays are important in our society, and we never want anyone left in the cold. Friendsgiving will be a full buffet of all the Thanksgiving favorites with turkey & ham provided by the LGBTQIA+ Welcoming Congregation Team and attendees bringing their family favorite side dishes. So please join us in surrounding others in your light and warmth by adding your name and food contribution to the signup sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

Join others this Thanksgiving for our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner open to all who wish to attend. Please add your name, how many are coming with you and what your food contribution will be on the signup sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

Save December 10th following the morning assembly for a brainstorming conversation regarding writing a new vision statement. At last month's congregation meeting it was agreed we need to revisit our current vision statement. Grab your plate of goodies and come back to the chapel for an informal discussion.

**Uplifting contributions from Unitarian Universalists*

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.



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ Leading today: *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 #2*

LOOKING TO NEXT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 19

10 am - Adult Forum

A Visual Look at the Universe

Now thru Nov. 26

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Found 'Framily'

Jack Bolderjack & Adrian Hinman, *co-leading*

Join us to honor the lives of those who have lost their lives to anti-trans violence in 2023 and learn about the importance and value in building community, making connections, and finding family. When we only have each other, we must strive to build each other up, honor our memory when we're gone, and celebrate life while we're here.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

Sunday, November 12, 2023



Spiritually Alive
Radically Inclusive
Justice Centered