

*You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope
someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one*
~ John Lennon

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Being Sanctuary
by Jo VonRue* & Linette Lowe*
- ◆ Prelude/ Candles of Community
Prelude N°1
composed & performed by Toshihiro Iwaki
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
A Spark of Hope
by Melanie Davis*
- ◆ 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 *Dartmouth Commencement Address, 2002*
by Fred Rogers
- ◆ Song - 161
Peace! The Perfect Word
performed by UUs of San Luis Obispo, CA

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation*
by Thich Nhat Hanh

◆ Practices

Meditation

When Great Trees Fall

by Maya Angelou

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Midnight Memories

composed and performed by Nykuo

◆ Reading

The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

◆ Song - 159

This is My Song

Michael Tacy* singing

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

Swords into Plowshares

by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.

Music: *Piano and String Tune*

composed & performed by James Tolich

◆ Song - 166

Years Are Coming

performed First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD

◆ Parting Thought

from *Black Elk Speaks, as told through John G. Neihardt*

by Black Elk

◆ 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 | performed by Rob Stefanussen

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.

Upcoming this month will be two opportunities to break bread with others at special dinners to be held in the chapel. On Nov 18 “A Friendsgiving Dinner” will be from 2-4 pm and the following Thursday, Nov. 23 is the “Come, Ye People Come” Thanksgiving potluck dinner. You can sign up for one or both on the bulletin board in the foyer. More details are in this month’s newsletter.

Earth Day Planners meet this Thursday from 6-8 to continue the long process of creating next year’s Texoma Earth Day Festival. Newcomers who want to be part of the organizing are encouraged to join the meeting.

*Lifting up 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 TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door:
- ◆ 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 #1*

Next Sunday, November 12, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

A Visual Look at the Universe

Now thru Nov. 19

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Reflections on Reflections on Our Fragile Moment

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

What can climate past teach us about this fragile moment, and how can it prepare us for our possible future climate?

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023



Spiritually **Alive**
Radically **Inclusive**
Justice **Centered**