

You are sacred. . . . Your choice is sacred.

~ Leslie Ahuvah Fails **

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community
For Our Community Gathered Here
by Jane E. Mauldin *
- ♦ Prelude/Candles of Community
Love Will Guide Us
performed by Northern Lights of Tacoma, WA
- ♦ Chalice Lighting
Bending Texas Toward Justice
by Sarah Berel-Harrop**
- ♦ 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 *The Sacred Choice*
by Leslie Ahuvah Fails **
- ♦ Song
A Woman Feels Her Power
written by Karen Drucker | performed by Karen Drucker
and friends

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading
A Ritual for Reproductive Choice
by Julia Hamilton**
- ♦ Song – 1023
Building Bridges
Glen Thomas Rideout* & Alison Halerz*

♦ Practices

Humans' Core Function is Love

by adrienne maree brown

Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response

I Know This Rose Will Open

By Mary Grigolia** | Phoenix UU video choir

♦ Reading

from *the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive
Justice Collective*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

♦ Discourse

Whose Body Is It, Anyway?

by Sarah Berel-Harrop*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

♦ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.

Reading 673 by Arthur Foot**

offertory: *For All That Is Our Life*

♦ Song - 95

There Is More Love Somewhere

Jason Shelton* Choir

♦ Closing Thought

Prayer for Living in Tension

by Joseph M. Cherry**

♦ 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

*A UU author

**A UU minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Joining us this morning is Sarah Berel-Harrop, the intern minister at the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry and a seminarian at Meadville-Lombard Theological School. Sarah sent her bio, by way of introducing herself to us: I grew up UU, and raised two children as UUs, in Houston, and I've been engaged in congregational life in Houston and the Dallas Fort Worth area in many capacities – religious educator, social justice chair, and board leadership. I'm passionate about nurturing groups and communities grounded in relationship and trust that offer alternatives to organizations based in domination and control.

Chair Yoga meets on Tuesday @ 10 am for an hour of low impact movements. Open to all.

Spiritual Perspectives meets Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm to explore various ways to understand spiritual perspectives. All are welcome.

Newsletter deadline was yesterday. If you missed it, get your stuff into news@redriveruu.org TODAY please. Thanks.

Please take the survey! A new brief 6 questions survey about our church mobile app is now available not only on the app itself, but also by using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mZcaP9wzxG>

or use the QR code here. Deadline is **tomorrow**.

Moveable feast for January - the feasters will gather at the Super Shack in Sherman (just south and on the same side of Texoma Parkway at the Midtown Mall) **tomorrow, Jan 29 @ 11:30 am** for a Dutch-treat lunch. Open to all who wish to attend but please speak with Marion so a proper head count can be provided to the restaurant.



Continued back panel.

WELCOME VISITORS

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.



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Jan Fletcher*
- ◆ Guest speaker: *Sarah Berel-Harrop*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team #4*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

A Virtual Look at the Universe

Now thru March 3

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large

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

The evidence is overwhelming that communities with vibrant participatory democratic processes in which the value and conscience of all persons are respected are the most just, peaceful, flourishing, and sustainable communities in the world. How can UUs model the importance of the right of conscience and participatory democracy in our society where so many persons seem drawn to autocratic leaders and practices?

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

Sunday, January 28, 2024



*Spiritually Alive
Joyfully Inclusive
Justice Centered*