

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap
but by the seed you plant.*

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
We Gather
by Pat Uribe-Lichty**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Trinity Fanfare
composed by Alex Guebert | performed by The Chalice
Bells of 1st UU Congregation, Ann Arbor MI
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Weaving Magic, Love Becoming
by Byron "Tyler" Coles**
- ◆ 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
- ◆ A Word of Thanks
- ◆ Song
Shelter Me
written & performed by Lea Morris

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
Bridge of Flowers
by Leah Piepzna-Samarasinha
read by Sofia Betancourt**
- ◆ Practices
Contemplation

- ◆ Practices, continued
A Seed in the Earth by Sana Saeed**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
Tis a Gift to be Simple
performed by Bonnie Ettinger*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Seeds of the New Year
by Sofia Betancourt**

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
What We Say "Yes" To
by Erika Anne Hewitt**
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
- ◆ Song
Freedom Is My Birthright
written & sung by Lea Morris
- ◆ Closing Prayer
Teach Us to Make Magic
by Erica Baron**
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *Open to the Beauty*
by Kathy McGowan*
- ◆ 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

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**A UU minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Today's Morning Assembly is from materials offered by the Unitarian Universalists Association combined with elements created by our Worship Team.

A Word of Thanks this morning goes to Marion Hill, who after several years is stepping down as our membership committee chair.

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

The Appreciation Luncheon is next Sunday. We asked ChatCPT to give us some guidelines of how NOT to appreciate others: *You're so cute when you try to act smart. - You have such a nice smile; it distracts from your other features. - You're so lucky to be good at math, since you're not very good at anything else. - You're such a great cook, I don't mind the extra calories. - Wow, you're so brave to wear that outfit in public. - You did a great job on that project, considering your limited experience. - You're actually pretty smart when you put your mind to it. - You have such a unique sense of humor. You're lucky to have such a supportive partner. "You're so good at making friends, even with people who don't like you. You have such a great personality, you don't need to worry about your looks. - You're so talented, you could do anything if you tried harder. - You're so funny, you always make me laugh at your jokes. - You're so generous, you always give me the best advice*

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Leading today: *The Worship Team*
- ◆ Discourse: *The Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team #3*

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 because all of who you are is welcome here.



NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

A Virtual Look at the Universe

Now thru March 3

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

What Is C.A.S.A. and How Can You Help

Maureen Kane Stevenson and
Marla Shaver, *speaking.*

We welcome this morning Maureen Kane Stevenson and Marla Shaver, two devoted leaders with the Grayson County Court Appointed Special Advocates, C.A.S.A., a nonprofit organization of volunteer advocates who speak up on behalf of abused and neglected children. CASA provides a valuable service to many and we're proud to learn more of their efforts. Read their bio's [here](#).

Our Appreciation Luncheon is today @12:30

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

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*Question Boldly
Listen Humbly
Grow Spiritually
Act Courageously
Love Unapologetically*

