

*The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life. ~ Jane Addams**

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Witnesses of the World / Testigos del mundo
by Tania Márquez**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Prelude N° 1
written & performed by Toshihiro Iwaki
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
As We Await a New World,
by Melissa Jeter*
- ◆ 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 *We Can Change the World*
by Dorothy Day
- ◆ Song
This Is My Song
words: Lloyd Stone | music: Jean Sibelius | Michael Tacy,
pianist*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
From *Reframing Poverty: New Thinking and Feeling
About Humanity's Greatest Challenge*
by Eric Meade

*A UU author

**A UU minister

◆ Practices

To Light the Darkness and Begin Again
by D. Scott Cooperi**

Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
A Short Musical Piece
composed & performed by Jervy Hou

◆ Reading

from *The Seven Principles in Word and Worship,*
*ed. Ellen Brandenburg***
by Sean Parker Dennison**

◆ Song - 161

Peace! The Perfect Word
words: Odell Shepard | music: *The Southern Harmony 1835*
performed by UU San Luis Obispo, CA choir

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

*Reflections on the Eight Principles – 6th Principle: The
Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty, and
Justice for All*
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

offertory: *For All That Is Our Life*

◆ Song - 318

We Would Be One
words: Samuel Anthony Wright** | music: Jean Sibelius
| singing: Community Church of Chapel Hill – UU, NC
Choir

◆ Closing Thought

from *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or
Community?* by Martin Luther King

◆ 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

Rondeau from *Abdelazer Suite*
Composed by Henry Purcell | Performed by Taverner Players
conducted by Andrew Parrott

PROGRAM NOTES

Joining us this morning is the Reverend Doctor Mark Y.A. Davies, whose discourses, over the last several years, have become an important part of our morning assemblies. You can read Mark's bio on our website and mobile app.

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.

Appreciation – *The Love that Keeps Us Strong*

To the 23 people who opened the PDF version of the newsletter when it was released on 2/1 and to the 73 people who opened the e-Edition the next day (delayed due to new security protocols) – it is clear people prefer the electronic version. Thanks for opening it as we can track analytics that way. (Actually, you can scroll thru the entire e-Edition without having to open the email but *please open it so we can get more accurate analytics*).

It's clear there are a lot of folks who are *very interested in* what we do. Thanks for reading it. Now, come to the Appreciation luncheon on Feb 25 so we can thank ourselves for all that is accomplished by our steadfast lay-led congregation.

The LGBTQIA+ Welcoming committee meets today following Conversations & Calories. Open to all who want to become involved in the work and ministry this committee brings to the church and the larger community.

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 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: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ Guest minister: *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*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

A Virtual Look at the Universe

Now thru March 3

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Seeds for the New Year

The Rev Dr. Sofia Betancourt, *video message*

What seeds are you planting for the new year? How are you weaving your magic into your relationships with others? How can we center beauty and goodness and love in all that's ahead? These questions are at the heart of this special morning that will also include a charming children's story *Bridge of Flowers* by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha. You can read Sofia's bio [here](#).

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

Sunday, February 11, 2024

The goal of world community with
**peace, liberty
& justice for all** #6



*Spiritually Alive
Joyfully Inclusive
Justice Centered*