

A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.

~ Aldo Leopold

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Learning to Love This World
by Molly Housh Gordon**
- ◆ Candles of Community
Prelude *With Heart and Mind*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
All Animal Chalice
by Mark Causey*
- ◆ 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 *In the Garden*
by Marjorie Harris*
- ◆ Song - 21
For the Beauty of the Earth
performed by Michael Tacy* & friends

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Three Gates of Zen*
by John Daido Looi
- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
All Our Relations
by Gary Kowalski**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
- ◆ Reading
from *Reflection on the Seventh Principle*
by Forrest Gilmore**
- ◆ Song
On My Way
music & words: Karen Drucker & Debra Turner

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
*7th Principle: Respect for the Interdependent Web
of All Existence of Which We Are a Part*
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Offering
by Thomas Benjamin*
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
- ◆ Song - 311
Let It Be a Dance
Performed by Dan Althoff*
- ◆ Closing Thought
from *Mindfulness for the Family*
by Sunita Rai
- ◆ 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 Unitarian Universalist

**A Unitarian Universalist minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today's morning assembly is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who continues his eight-part exploration of the Unitarian Universalist eight principles.

Pledge for Progress: The 2024 Stewardship Campaign is under way. Members and friends are invited (and encouraged) to participate. As with all UU congregations, each is responsible for raising the \$\$ required to keep things going. Pledge forms are on the ledge in the foyer.

Happening this week:

- ◆ Board of Trustees - Today 1 pm
- ◆ Lone Grove Coven Craft Day* - Today 6:30-8
- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous* - Monday 6-7 pm
- ◆ Spiritual Practices - Tuesday 6:30-8 pm
- ◆ Ostara Celebration* - Wednesday 7:30-9 pm
- ◆ Minister Search Team - Thursday 2-3 pm
- ◆ NEWSLETTER Deadline for April issue - Saturday 10 pm

*Outside group using our building

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ Singers: *Dan Althoff, Jan Flether*
Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *Jack Bolerjack*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team #3*

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 because all of who you are is welcome here.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

The 8th Principle: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

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

The 8th principle of Unitarian Universalism affirms that racism and oppression are the antithesis of Beloved Community, and any serious attempt at cultivating beloved community for all life must be proactively anti-racist and work for the liberation of all who are oppressed in our world.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

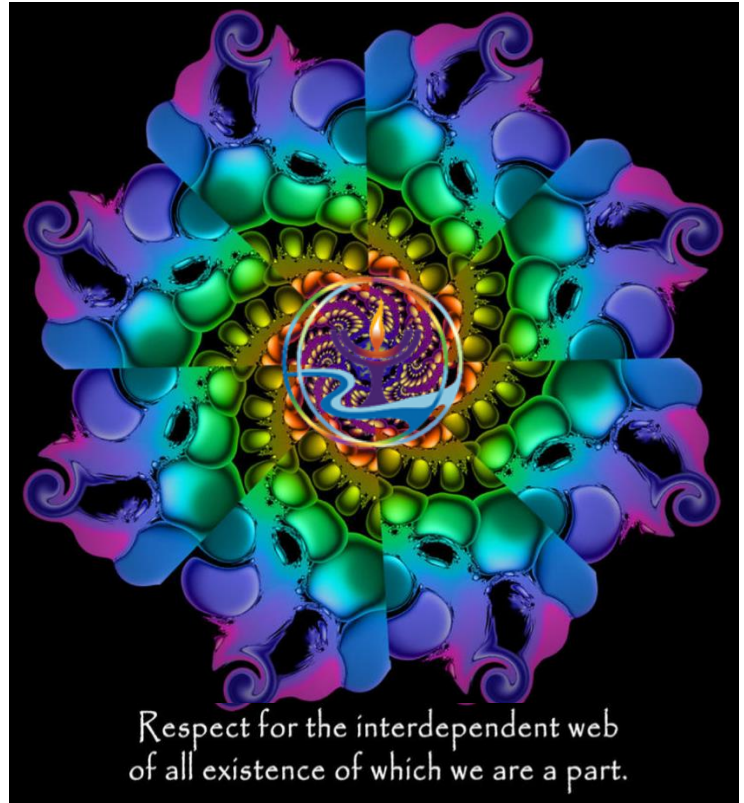
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024



Respect for the interdependent web
of all existence of which we are a part.

SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED

