

*Pluralism isn't just diversity;  
it's something we create out of this diversity.*

~ Diana L. Eck

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*We Unite in our Differences*  
by David Breedon\*\*
- ◆ Candles of Community  
Prelude *May Nothing Evil Pass this Door*  
performed by Michael Tacy\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*Different Yet United* by Pat Uribe-Lichty\*\*
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ Lighting the Peace Candle

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought  
*The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth*  
by Jonathan Rauch
- ◆ Song - 324  
*Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads*  
lyrics: Alicia Carpenter\* | music: Trad. Irish | performed by 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, Baltimore MD

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
from *Pluralism in Practice: Case Studies of Leadership in a Religiously Diverse America*  
by Elinor (Ellie) Pierce
- ◆ Practices – with words, stillness, music  
*For an Interfaith Dialog*  
by Rebecca A. Edmiston-Lange\*\*  
Quiet Sitting for a Moment  
Musical Response - Song 95
- ◆ Reading  
from *Where Islam and America Meet*  
by Eboo Patel
- ◆ Song - 1054  
*Let This Be a House of Peace*  
performed by Michael Tacy\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*The Value of Pluralism*  
by Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*
- ◆ Song - 1028  
*We Will Go Out into the World*  
performed by 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, Baltimore MD
- ◆ Stewardship Moment  
by Marla Loturco
- ◆ Closing Thought  
from *Of Modern Faith*  
by Andrew Sullivan
- ◆ 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

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Leading today's morning assembly** is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who shares his prophetic perspectives with us twice a month. You may read his bio on our mobile app or church website.

**Pledge for Progress:** Our annual campaign concludes today. All UU churches are financially supported locally. Pledge cards are on the ledge in the foyer.

**Lighting the Peace Candle** began last morning, as outlined in the April newsletter and current UPDATE.

### **This week's meetings:**

- ◆ LGBTQIA+ - today, 1-2:30 pm
  - ◆ Overeaters Anonymous\* - Monday 6 -7 pm
  - ◆ Spiritual Practices - Tuesday - 6:30-8 pm.
  - ◆ Minister Search Committee - Thursday 2-3 pm
  - ◆ Earth Day Planners - Thursday - 6-7 pm
- \*Outside group using our building

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep for April: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ 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 #2*

\*a Unitarian Universalist

\*\*a Unitarian Universalist Minister

## 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 below.) This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today because all of who you are is welcome here.*

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

### Flower Communion and Compassion

*Jack, guest speaking*

*Compassion has to be the overwhelming force behind all that we do to apply all our 8 principles in our lives and to build the Beloved Community. Let's talk about how to create the world we want to live in.*

***This Sunday is also our annual  
Flower Communion ritual.***

***Please bring a flower or  
two with you.***

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

## THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024



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