

*This may well be [hu]mankind's last chance to choose
between chaos or community.*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
The Sacred Hour
by Chris Rothbauer**
- ◆ Candles of Community
Prelude *Frozen in Love* by Aakash Gandhi
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times
by Lisa Doege**
- ◆ 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
from *Saving Us*
by Katharine Hayhoe*
- ◆ Song - 1014
Answering the Call of Love
performed by Michael Tacy*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *The beloved community of M. L. King*
by Grace Lee Boggs
- ◆ Practices – with words, stillness, music
Meditation for Challenging Times,
by Joan Javier-Duval**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
- ◆ Reading
from *Under the Sky We Make*
by Kimberly Nicholas
- ◆ Song - 97
Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child
performed by Michael Tacy*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Beloved Community in the Midst of Chaos
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Interlude by Glendon Gross
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
- ◆ Song - 1028
The Fire of Commitment
performed by 1st Unitarian church of Baltimore
- ◆ Stewardship Moment
by Marilyn Alexander
- ◆ Closing Thought
from *In Tough times, Our Community Becomes
Our Safety Net* by Quint Studer
- ◆ 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
Arrival of the Queen of Shea by G.F. Handel
performed by Lucie Horsch & Charlotte Barbour-
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*a Unitarian Universalist

**a Unitarian Universalist Minister

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 next Sunday. All UU churches are financially supported locally. Pledge cards are on the ledge in the foyer.

Lighting the Peace Candle begins this morning, as outlined in the April newsletter.

Happening this week:

- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous* - Monday 6 -7 pm
 - ◆ Spiritual Practices - Tuesday 6:30-8 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*

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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 14, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

TBA

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

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024



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JOYFULLY **INCLUSIVE**
JUSTICE **CENTERED**

