

Democracy is not something you believe in or a place to hang your hat, but it's something you do. You participate. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles.

~ Abbie Hoffman

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Invocation
by Kristin G. Schmidt**
- ◆ Candles of Community
Prelude Won't Back Down
by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Persist in Faith
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
by Peggy Clarke ** & Kristin Grassel Schmidt **
- ◆ Song - 298
Wake, Now, My Senses

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
Adapted from the story *James Luther Adams* by Jessica York and** and told by Kristin G. Schmidt**
- ◆ Practices – with words, stillness, music
Prayer
Kristin G. Schmidt**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
Southwest Prelude
by Cornell Kinderknecht
- ◆ Reading
from *The Hill We Climb*
by Amanda Gorman

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Power Sunday: Leveraging Our Collective
by Peggy Clarke**

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
Words by Pablo DeJesus*
Offertory: *This Love* by Emma's Revolution
with the UU Church of Silver Springs singers
- ◆ Song - 1017
We are Building a New Way
piano: Brian Kenny | vocals: Alena Hemingway*
flugelhorn: Mike Menefee*
- ◆ Closing Thought
Closing Words for Hard Times
by Maureen Killoran**
- ◆ 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
Reprise: *Southwest Prelude*
by Cornell Kinderknecht

*a Unitarian Universalist

**a Unitarian Universalist Minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today's morning assembly are members of UU's for Social Justice, via a video message

Worship Associate Training: We are looking for a few people who wish to be worship associates. There are three dates in May when you can take the training class. See the detail in this week's UPDATE or speak with Marla.

The newsletter deadline was yesterday if you have not submitted what you wish published, kindly email to news@redriveruu.org no later than tomorrow evening.

Happenings this week:

- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous* - Monday 6 -7 pm
- ◆ Spiritual Practices - Tuesday 6:30-8 pm
- ◆ Children's Clothing Swap - Saturday 10 - 2

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for April: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- ◆ Leading today: *UUs for Social Justice*, video message
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *Jack Bolerjack*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team #4*

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, MAY 5, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

Music, MS, and Me!

Bill Nash, guest speaker

Bill Nash has been a musician all his life, starting as a boy soprano and has an all-consuming passion of wanting to make music for the rest of his life. In 1988, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Don't miss this special Sunday as we hear of Bill's determination to adjust a life plan to compensate for the physical obstacles of a changing body. Listen as Nash explains his creative multi-capo method of guitar playing. And be prepared to enjoy a fine singer/ songwriter sharing his heart and his music. A great preview for the Kerrville Folk Festival where he is a regular.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



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