

“Before Christianity was a rich and powerful religion, before it was associated with buildings, budgets, crusades, colonialism, or televangelism, it began as a revolutionary nonviolent movement promoting a new kind of aliveness on the margins of society.” - Brian D. McLaren

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY...

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community
 - Wholeness*
by Sharon Wylie**
- ♦ Prelude/ Candles of Community
 - Be Thou My Vision*
trad. Irish melody
- ♦ Chalice Lighting
 - Love Remains the Center*
by Eric Hepburn**
- ♦ 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 UNDERSTANDING

- ♦ Opening Thought
 - Baptist Leader Speaks out: Christian Nationalism is not Christianity*
by Reality Check with Jon Avlon.
- ♦ Song - 347
 - Gather the Spirit*
- ♦ Reading
 - James Talarico Condemns Christian Nationalism at the Texas Democratic Convention June 11, 2024* by CNN video

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - with words, stillness, music
 - Meditation on the Power of We*
by Elandria Williams
 - Quiet Sitting for a Moment
 - Musical Interlude: *Rondeau from Abdelazer Suite*
by Henry Purcell
- ♦ Reading
 - Behold, Christian Nationalism, Holier Than Thou Cult* by D.L. Lewis
- ♦ Song - 345
 - With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse
 - God Is Not a Christian, Confronting Christian Nationalism*
by James Talarico, used with permission

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving
 - Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*
Minuet in G by J.S. Bach, Performed by Rodrigo Serrão
- ♦ Song - 354
 - We Laugh, We Cry*
- ♦ Closing Thought
 - from *Our Work Has Just Begun* by Emily Richards*
- ♦ 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

Our guest speaker today is James Talarico (video message).

We're using the GREY hymnal today.

No Conversations & Calories today and next Sunday. As our kitchen undergoes a much-needed remodeling.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ♦ Board rep for September: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ♦ Worship Associate: *Marla Loturco*
- ♦ Guest speaker: *James Talarico (video message)*
- ♦ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ♦ Sunday school leader: *Jack Bolerjack*

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 have different beliefs, but shared values.

We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may 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 distinct 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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Long Strange Trip: A Journey Through Two Hundred Years of Unitarian Universalist History

The Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett, minister emeritus of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver calls Long Strange Trip "lively and engaging," adding, "Such a resource is particularly valuable in a UU movement so dependent upon an influx of newcomers with no previous knowledge of its past."

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Reflections on *Liberating Planet, People, and Religion*

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

Joerg Rieger and Terra Schwerin Rowe have recently edited and published a series of essays looking at new ways of expressing the intersection of religion, economics, and ecology.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

CONFRONTING
CHRISTIAN
NATIONALISM

WE ARE . . .



SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED