

“Peace in patriarchy is war against women.”

- Maria Mies

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY...

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Wholeness
by Sharon Wylie**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
What Happens When a Woman
by Alexandra Olsavsky | performed by Artemisia
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
A Tapestry of Souls
by Jami A. Yandle**
- ◆ 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
from *Conversations-2008*
by Toni Morrison
- ◆ Song - 318
We Would Be One
- ◆ Reading
from *Feminism Is for Everybody: Passionate Politics*
by bell hooks

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music
It's Hard Work
by Rosemary Bray McNatt**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Interlude by Mollagio
- ◆ Reading
from *The Will to Change: Men, Masculinity,
and Love*
- ◆ Song - 146
Soon the Day

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The Problem of Patriarchy
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
piano music by Catbalow1
- ◆ Song
We Shall Be Known
by MaMuse | performed by UU the Vote virtual choir
- ◆ Closing Thought
from *The Seeker's Guide: Making Your Life a
Spiritual Adventure*
by Elizabeth Lesser
- ◆ 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

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PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today's Morning Assembly is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who shares 2 Sundays monthly with us.

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: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ Leading today: *Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ 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 App 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.

The Morning Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Christian Nationalism

James Talarico, *guest speaker* (video message)

Texas State Representative, former middle school teacher, proud progressive, and eighth generation Texan, James Talarico delivered a sermon on October 22nd, 2023, at his home church about the dangers of Christian Nationalism. It has been viewed 686,100 times. The Worship Team thought we might find it interesting to say the least and his office gave their permission for us to use it as our discourse next week.

12:15 pm - NO Conversations & Calories

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