

"Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance."
Carl Sandburg*

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ With hellos & "air" hugs
- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community
Let Us Remember to Relax
by Bernadette R. Burns*
- ♦ Candles of Community
- ♦ Prelude
- ♦ 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 Chalice
I kindle this flame

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought
from *Why Poetry*
by Matthew Zapruder

POETRY SUNDAY WITH RON WALLACE

- ♦ Selected Poems ~ Part I
 - ♦ Giving - *those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
or donate on the home screen of the church app*
- ♦ Selected Poems ~ Part II
 - ♦ Practices
Try to Love the Questions Themselves
from *Letters to a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke*
- ♦ Stillness for a Time
- ♦ Selected Poems ~ Part III
 - ♦ Open Dialogue - *please remember to either go to the*

*floor mic or raise your hand and someone will bring a mic
to you.*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Song
Red River Valley
- ♦ A Parting Thought
In The End
by unknown poet
- ♦ 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.*
- ♦ Fellowship Gathering - *Alexander & Emerson Rooms*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

PROGRAM NOTES

Ron Wallace is a Native son of Oklahoma and a national poetry award winner. He is the author of four volumes of poetry published by TJMF Publishing of Clarksville, Indiana. All four have received critical acclaim and met with success in the poetry world. His first book, *Native Son*, was a finalist in the 2007 Oklahoma Book Awards. *I Come from Cowboys ... and Indians* won the 2009 Oklahoma Writer's Federation "Best Book of Poetry Award" and Oklahoma Cantos was again a finalist in the 2011 Oklahoma Book Awards, a finalist in the Western Heritage Book Awards and won the 2011 Oklahoma Writer's Federation "Best Book of Poetry Award". Wallace's Choctaw, Cherokee, Osage heritage is intertwined with his Scots-Irish roots and often reflected in his writing. He lists James Dickey, Robinson Jeffers, Yusef Komunyakaa and his former Southeastern

Oklahoma State University professor and poet, Howard Starks as his major influences.

A former public-school teacher and coach he has been a featured poet at The Abydos Learning Project in Texas three times, a featured poet at the Woody Guthrie Festival in Okemah, Oklahoma for the last four years. He has been a reader at the Tennessee Humanities Festival, a member of the Emerging Poets Southern Tour. His work has won several individual state and national awards and has been published in many journals and anthologies. Critiques, reviews of his work and more personal biography can be found at www.RonWallacePoetry.com.

Remember that both the Adult Forum and Online Coffee as well as the Morning Assembly are now live streamed on ZOOM using one meeting ID: **989 0789 7878** for all Sunday morning activities. Virtual visitors are warmly invited to zoom in and say hello.

The Board of Trustees meets this afternoon at 1 pm in the chapel. Board meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- Board Rep: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- Greeting us at the door: *Linda Tracy*
- Host: *Marion Hill*
- Worship Associate: *Dan Althoff*
- Guest Speaker: *Ron Wallace*
- AV Crew: *Don Rogers, Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- Good Times Team: *Marilyn Alexander*
- Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

Continued on back panel

WELCOME GUESTS

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 app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store.

This is who we are. We are glad you came today.



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

Throughout August the Forum will continue its study of **Humankind's Inhumanity to Itself** by watching/discussing *Trail of Tears: National Trails & Trail of Tears: They Knew it was Wrong*

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

A Historical Marker for George Hughes

Melissa Thiel, *speaking*

On May 9, 1930, George Hughes was lynched, the Grayson County Courthouse was burned to the ground, and the black business district on Mulberry Street was destroyed. There is no Texas Historical Marker for this tragic event. Black citizens of Sherman were absolutely terrorized following the lynching of George Hughes. Ignoring history does not make it go away. As a community, we must face our past to prevent repeating history and to heal the harm caused by it.

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations

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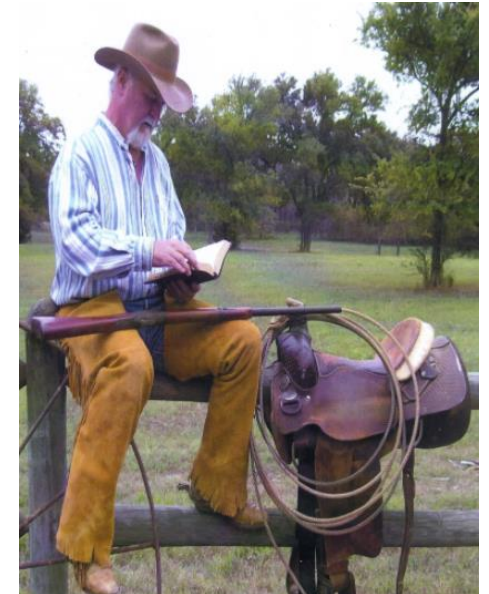
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

Sunday, August 15, 2021



GROW YOUR SOUL
SERVE THE WORLD