



RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, April 19, 2020

*My barn having burned down,
I can now see the moon.*

~ Mizuta Masahide
17th C Japanese poet & samurai

Prelude

Ringling the Tibetan Bowl

Call to Community *Better Questions*
✚ D.M. Strong

Chalice Lighting *Embrace the Night*
✚ Jennifer Leota Gray

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.*

Opening Thought *The Gift of Nature*
✚ Catherine DeVrye

Song *For All That Is Our Life*
Text: Bruce Finlow | music: Patrick L. Rickey

Reading *The Luminous Web:
Essays on Science and Religion*
Barbara Brown Taylor

Practices

Meditation from *To Wake, To Rise:
Meditations on Justice and Resilience*
✚ Xolani Kacela

Stillness for a time

Musical Response

Reading ... from *Alone Together: Why We Expect More
from Technology and Less from Each Other*
Sherry Turkle

Sermon

Song *Spirit of Life*
✚ text and music: Carolyn McDade
All Souls Church, Washington DC choir

Parting Thought *Romans 8:38 (paraphrase)*
Paul

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.*

✚ Unitarian Universalist Author



PROGRAM NOTES

Back with us again this morning is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read Mark's bio [here](#).



If you read this before Saturday (Apr 18), you are invited to join others and watch a

free showing of the documentary *The Human Element*, Saturday at noon. In an arresting new documentary environmental photographer James Balog, of *Chasing Ice* fame, captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, *The Human Element* relays captivating stories from coast-to-coast, inspiring us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world. To watch you only need to click [here](#) and follow the prompts.

Do you need help? Can you give help? RIGHT NOW is the perfect time to email your status to Carolyn (chaliceart@yahoo.com). Then, look for good things to happen.

Our morning assemblies are now being uploaded to our YouTube channel each week. If you subscribe to the church's YouTube channel you will get a notice whenever a video is added to the channel. It also makes it really easy to find the channel.

A reminder, while we're alone together, that the various ongoing bills are still ongoing. You can mail your gifts and pledges to treasurer, Red River UU's, PO BOX 1806, Denison 75021.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS SUNDAY

Leading today *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
AV Desk *Jim Holmes, Doug Strong*

NEXT SUNDAY: April 26, 2020

A STRANGER TO MYSELF: LIVING WITH AN INVISIBLE DISABILITY

Dr. Virginia A. Parrish, *speaking*

In June 1982 I underwent a right frontal-temporal craniotomy for a congenital aneurysm just off the right internal carotid artery. The aneurysm ruptured just after the neurosurgeon had it sighted. Although I survived the event and although I could walk, talk and function in a somewhat normal fashion, I was changed, different in ways that I continue to discover even now after all these years. For me long-term memories are elusive, moving behind a veil that I cannot touch, cannot relive. Several years ago and courtesy of a Facebook mem, I learn the Welsh have a word for what I feel at times, *hiraeth*.

You can read Dr. Parrish's bio [here](#).