



Red River

Unitarian Universalists

Sunday, August 2, 2020


## Program Notes

*All I need is a sheet of paper and something to write with,  
and then I can turn the world upside down.*

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

### Ringling the Tibetan Bowl

Prelude ..... *Ballade Pour Adeline*  
Music by Paul de Senneville  
Pianist: Richard Clayderman

Call to Community ..... *We Meet in the Spaces Between*  
 Amy Carol Webb

Chalice Lighting .....  
Adapted from the Upanishads

### 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 ..... *Hallelujah*  
Leonard Cohen

Song ..... *Hallelujah*  
Words & Music by Leonard Cohen  
Performed by Pentatonix

### Practices

Meditation ..... *Anthem*  
Leonard Cohen

Reading ..... *1 Samuel 16:23*  
*2 Samuel 11:2*  
the Hebrew Bible

Discourse ..... *When at Last I Sang Hallelujah*  
the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata

Invitation .....  
Christine Tata

### 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.*

Parting Thought .....  
Christine Tata

Sung Benediction ..... *Hallelujah*  
Words & Music: Leonard Cohen  
(Tribute Version of *Hallelujah*, 1986)

 Lifting up Unitarian Universalist sources



**W**elcome to our online morning assembly. During these challenging times it is worthy of us to be together, even if it is virtually. Community exists because people want it to and our small, feisty group of diverse people are committed to keeping the only religiously liberal congregation in Texoma alive and thriving.

**Subscribe to our YouTube channel** and you'll receive a reminder to pause on Sunday morning and become a part of our virtual village. Learn more about us by downloading our [mobile app](#) or visiting our [website](#). Contact us via either platform if you have questions or would like to be added to our eList and receive the UPDATE and newsletter.

**We welcome back** to our pulpit the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata who has enjoyed visiting Red River from time to time through the years to preach, lead workshops, and appreciate the growth and sincerity of our congregation. She brings a lifelong interest in religion and spirituality, a variety of academic and professional credentials, and pastoral experience as ordained minister for several progressive congregations. Christine now writes on [Medium](#) as Rev Dr Sparky, continuing in her mission to inspire courage in the face of absurdity.

**Online Coffee Hour** starts shortly after the morning assembly. Everyone is invited to chat with our visiting minister and catch up on the ways people are managing things. Zoom to drop in [here](#).

**Adult Forum** meets each Sunday from 10-11 am. Currently the forum is viewing video programs on ancient megalithic civilizations, followed by an open discussion. Open to all who are curious about life, in all its forms. Show up [here](#).

## Who's Doing What This Sunday

Visiting minister: *the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata*  
Production: *Doug Strong*

**Next Sunday: August 9, 2020**

**"LOVING PERSONS WE DON'T LIKE"**  
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *speaking*

In a society that is increasingly divided, where vitriol seems to find its way into every room of our shared world house, what does it mean to love one another when we do not like one another?