



The capacity to blunder slightly is the real marvel of DNA. Without this special attribute, we would still be anaerobic bacteria and there would be no music. ~ Lewis Thomas

Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

Prelude I'm On My Way
Music & words: Traditional African American folk
Singers: The Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC

Call to Community Christine Tata

Chalice Lighting May This Chalice Flame
Betsy Darr, adapted

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....from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Douglas Adams

Song..... For All That Is Our Life
Music: Patrick L. Rickey | Words: Bruce Findlow
Artists: Michele Kennedy, soprano; Brielle Neilson, mezzo-soprano;
My-Hoa Steger, pianist

Readingfrom The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Practices

Meditation Chasidic Prayer
Translated by Chaim Stern

Musical Response..... Soon the Day Will Arrived
Music: Nurit Hirsch | Words: Ehud Manor
Cantor: Jason Kaufman | Singer: This is LEA & friends

Reading Expect Nothing
Alice Walker

DiscourseFailure Is Not an Option-It's Included
The Rev. Dr. Christine Tata

Song..... There Is More Love Somewhere
Music & words: African American hymn
Artist: Bernice Johnson Reagon
All Souls Church, Unitarian Universalists, Braintree, MA

Invitation

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..... Even When Our Hearts Are Broken
Rebecca Parker



Welcome 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.

Our weekly assembly premieres Sundays at 11:15 am on our YouTube channel & our Facebook page, so you may be part of our virtual village. Learn more about us on our website & Facebook pages or by downloading our mobile app. Contact us via all our platforms if you have questions or wish to be added to our eList and receive the weekly UPDATE and our monthly 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.

A Note from Ronda D.- Hello Everyone! Thank you all for the encouraging texts, calls, and beautiful cards. I am recovering well and on schedule. I hope to join on Zoom this Sunday. I miss y'all so much.

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.

Online 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 23, 2020

JOHN LENNON SEES A UFO
The Worship Team, leading



The World Council of Churches is formed. East and West Germany announce their reunification. Hurricane Katrina forms

over the Bahamas. The "hashtag" is invented. Russia launches the first floating nuclear power station. The only thing these events have in common is the date of August 23. Join the Worship Team in an exploration of how every humdrum day is full of memorable events - sometimes with historic consequences."