



The chief theological question of all time is, "What in the Sam Hill is going on?" ~ Annie Dillard

Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

Prelude When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place
Words and Music: Joyce Poley
Choir: Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, CA

Call to Community With These Words
M. Christine Tata

Chalice Lighting Sacred Unknowing
Amy Carol Webb

Spoken Affirmation..... text on the screens

Opening Thought..... The opening words of Davie Copperfield
Charles Dickens

Song..... We Are
Words and music: Dr. Ysaïe Barnwelt
Performed by the UUUA General Assembly 2020 virtual choir

Readings The opening words of A Tale of Two Cities
Charles Dickens
The opening words of The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy
Douglas Adams

Practices..... The Opening Words of...
Detailed listing in Program Notes

Musical Response..... Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams | Words: George Herbert
Performer: Eric Lane Barnes

Discourse..... Deck Chairs, Lifeboats, Icebergs?
Time for A Better Story
M. Christine Tata

Song..... How Can I Keep From Singing
Music: Robert Lowry | Words: Traditional
Performer: Eric Lane Barnes

Parting Thought..... the CLOSING words of
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Douglas Adams

Invitation

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice text on your screen

Sneak Peek about next Sunday's Assembly

Lifting up Unitarian Universalist Sources

Program Notes

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 august group of diverse people are committed to keeping the only religiously liberal congregation in Texoma alive and thriving. We're glad you've joined us today.

Since we can't greet you at the front door, we hope you will venture to redriveruu.org/visitor and fill out a guest card so we may get to know you. Linger afterwards and stop by our virtual coffee hour. If you found something of worth, share it by offering a comment or give us a thumbs up on Facebook or our YouTube channel and stop back again.

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 this 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.com 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. Good conversations, friendly smiles, but you gotta bring your own coffee! Zoom to drop in here.

Detail listing for Today's Practices "The Opening Words of... of Peter Pan, by J.M. Barrie; Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen; Catch-22, by Joseph Heller; The Princess Bride, by William Goldman; Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte; The Stranger, by Albert Camus; The Hobbit, by JRR Tolkien; Moby Dick, by Herman Melville; Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neal Hurston; Tracks, by Louise Erdrich; and Paradise, by Toni Morrison.

Committee on Ministry meets today @ 1 pm via Zoom. Email CoM@redriveruu.org if you would like to speak with the CoM.

Who's Doing What This Sunday

Leading today: the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata
Production: Marla Loturco

Next Sunday: October 4, 2020

"Do Not Go Gentle"

the Rev. Dr. Christine Tata, speaking

In anxious times, Unitarian Universalists draw upon many sources of religious wisdom, including Jewish and Christian teachings that counsel us to be pure and meek and gentle. In really anxious times, when shadows seem to loom, we need some really powerful words--like the poetry of the precocious, troubled, modernist Welshman, Dylan Thomas: "Do not go gentle into that good night." Join us as we commit ourselves to keeping the flame alive.