

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

If I look at the mass, I will never act. If I look at the one, I will.

~ Mother Teresa

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Don't (just) Say Grace* by Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Call to Presence* from the Labyrinth at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Marcos, TX
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *Single Candles Merge* by Christine Tata
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought - from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
- ♦ Reading - from *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman*
- ♦ Song - *Wake, Now, My Senses* Words: Thomas J.S. Mikelson* Music: Trad. Irish Melody Singers: Grand Valley UU's, Grand Junction, CO*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *I Believe* by Unknown
- ♦ Musical Response - *I Believe* Music: Mark Miller | Singers: Virtual choir at First Parish (UU) Lexington MA *This anthem is based on a poignant, anonymous text found written on the wall of a cellar near Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during World War II.*
- ♦ Reading - *Matthew 25:31-46*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse - *One Thing at Once* - the Rev. Dr. Tata
- ♦ Song - *One More Step* - Words & music: Joyce Poley* Arr: Michael Tacy*, Singers: Gathering at Northern Hills-UU, Cincinnati OH virtual choir*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ A Parting Thought - *A Saying* by Anonymous
- ♦ Benediction - from *The Most Amazing Day* by e.e. cummings*
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Postlude - *Guide My Feet* Words & music: Traditional Singers: Oasis Chorale, Faith Mennonite Church, Wellesley, Ontario
- ♦ Sneak Peek promo about next Sunday

*Lifting up Contributions from Unitarian Universalists



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PROGRAM NOTES

Welcome to our virtual 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 are 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. You're invited to tarry for fellowship with us .. to say a hello and to receive one .. to be among us, to be part of us: know we will welcome you. Our online coffee hour is the place (details below).

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 immediately following the morning assembly. Drop in and say hi, catch up with other you may well have not seen in a long time. The Zoom meeting ID is 911 5549 7586.

The deadline for the December newsletter is next Saturday, Dec 28th. Please send submissions directly to news@redriveruu.org. Tight turn around this month, please don't be late.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

"What Is My Duty?"

the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *speaking*



What is my Duty? – To whom do we owe obligations? What is the difference between direct and indirect duties? Do we have duties to non-human life? To future generations? To people we don't even know? Should we do

our duty no matter what the consequences may be?