

# RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

*In this season, may you find restorative space to lean into what you love.*

~ the Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray \*  
President, Unitarian Universalist Association

## GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord!* Words by John Michael Tebelak, Music by Stephen Schwartz, performers: Patches and Face Paint, a Godspell fan site, Robin Lamont, creator

## CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community -*Out of Our Yearning* by Susan Manker Seale\*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *Congregations at the Speed of Light* by M. Christine Tata
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ♦ Opening Thought - from *Speech at the Lord Mayor's Day Luncheon* by Winston S. Churchill, Nov. 10, 1942
- ♦ Song - *Heart Wide Open* Words & music by Lea Morris, singers Hope Sings Eternal choir
- ♦ Reading - from *Gospel of Mark 1:2a-8*

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *O, God of Many Moments* by Tess Baumberger\*
- ♦ Musical Response - *Spirit of Life* Words & music by Carolyn McDade\* Choir from All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, DC
- ♦ Reading - *The Second Coming* by William Butler Yeats

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse - *The Once and Future Tabernacle* - M. Christine Tata
- ♦ Song - *All Will Be Well* - Words & music by Meg Barnhouse\*

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ A Parting Thought - *All of Us Need All of Us to Make It* by Megan Foley\* and Theresa I. Soto\*
- ♦ An Invitation
- ♦ Benediction - *Let Go of the Future* by M. Christine Tata
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Sneak Peek promo about next Sunday
- ♦ Postlude *Woyaya* Words and music by Loughty Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh | performers: Paul Thompson, bass; Susan Thompson, vocals, Sam Welsh, keyboard of the UU church of the Palouse, Moscow, ID

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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](http://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 again** 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 fellowship. 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](http://Medium.com) as [Rev Dr Sparky](http://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. The Zoom meeting ID is 933 8502 2882

**The Adult Forum** for December is exploring the stars and the universe with a series of short videos followed by a discussion. The Zoom meeting ID is 911 5549 7586

## NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

### “Existentialism in a Time of Existentialist Threat”

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



In this discourse I will explore the philosophical perspective known as existentialism which found popularity in the thought of thinkers like Simone de Beauvoir, Albert Camus, and Jean Paul Sartre. Existentialists claim that our existence as persons precedes our essence and that we are the creators of our own meaning and value. To live as genuine or authentic persons, we must will ourselves to be free while also willing the freedom of others. What might the existentialists be able to teach us as we live into authentic freedom in a time of growing existential threats?