

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, January 10, 2021

*Apocalypse does not point to a fiery Armageddon,
but to our ignorance and complacency coming to an end.*

~ from *Reflections on the Art of Living*
Joseph Campbell

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Building Bridges* - A Protest song from the Geenham Common Women's Camp
Performer: Glen Thomas Rideout* & Allison Halerz *

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Together Again for the First Time*
by M. Christine Tata
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *May This Flame* by Bets Wienecke*
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought - *The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám*
by Edward FitzGerald and Omar Khayyám
- ♦ Song - *Lady of the Seasons' Laughter* Music: David Hurdy
Words: Kendyl L.R. Gibbons* Performed by River of Grass UU Choir*
- ♦ Reading - from the book of *Daniel 11:40; 12:1-4*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *Prayers of Repentance and Restitution* from the 6th Century BEC Persian Zoroastrian text
- ♦ Musical Response - *Tomorrow* Words & music by Kate and Justin Miner Performed by 2020 UU General Assembly Virtual Choir*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse - *Another Fine Apocalypse* - M. Christine Tata

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Parting Thought - *A Chinese proverb* by Unknown
- ♦ Benediction from *Lady of the Season's Laughter*
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Sneak Peek *about next Sunday*
- ♦ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace*

* 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 this morning the rev Dr. M. Christine Tata. Christine Tata 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](https://medium.com) as [Rev Dr Sparky](#), continuing in her mission to inspire courage in the face of absurdity. She will be with us twice a month thru June.

The membership committee will meet next Saturday, Jan. 16th at 2 pm via Zoom. Contact Marion Hill for the meeting ID.

Jan's Music Circle gathers next Saturday, Jan 16. The site opens at 5:30 with music from 6-for an evening with acoustic musicians who share their talents for a couple of hours. Instead of watching TV for a couple of hours, on a Saturday evening, join us on Zoom, the meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97041651332>. Meeting ID: 970 4165 1332



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

RESPONSIBLE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies



In this discourse, I will be looking at the ways in which our lives are enhanced by religious freedom while noting the ways religious freedom has been misused and abused throughout history and in the present day.