

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

from *The Wonderful Mistake: Notes Of A Biology Watcher*
Incorporating *The Lives Of A Cell* And *The Medusa* And *The Snail*

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude - *Gather the Spirit*- by Jim Scott Singers: Bolder Valle UU Fellowship, Lafayette, CO

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community - *Motherless Child* by Amy Bowden Freedman*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting - *In Memory of All the Flames* by Amarette Callaway*
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought - from *The Evolution of Consciousness* by Tom Robbins
- ♦ Song - *Earth Was Given as a Garden* Words: Roberta Bard (slightly adapted)* Music: Rowland High Prichard Performed by Anna Hamilton* UUU Congregation of Columbia, SC
- ♦ Reading - Book of Genesis 1:1-31 to 2:14 *The Message* translation

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *Orphans in the Cosmos* by Christine Tata
- ♦ Musical Response - *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Music & Words: Trad. African American Performed by Paul Robeson
- ♦ Reading - *Woodstock* by Joni Mitchell

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse - *First, There Was Eve in Africa*
- ♦ Song - *Baba Yetu* (by Christopher Tin) Lord's Prayer in Swahili, Performed by Alex Boyé and Dan Hall, with the BYU Men's Chorus/ Philharmonic

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Parting Thought - from *Paradise Lost* by John Milton
- ♦ Benediction - *Inspired by Our Ancestors* by Leia Durland-Jones
- ♦ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ♦ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ♦ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace*

* Lifting up Contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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.

Join us for our online coffee hour immediately following this morning's assembly. The Zoom link is: 933 8502 2882.

About Sunday's speaker: 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.

POSTPONED: Church Re-imagined: What's Behind the Curtain? - our special all-church gathering will be next Sun. Feb 28, immediately following the morning assembly. (No online coffee that morning, but you use the same Zoom meeting link to join the adventure.)

Newsletter Deadline for submissions for the March issue was yesterday, Feb 20. Please send your submissions today to news@redriveruu.org

CREATING THIS MORNING

Guest Minister: *the rev. Dr. Christine Tata*
Production: *Doug Strong*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD MIGHT

TAKE SOME WORK

Daniel Polk, *speaking*



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.

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