

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Of a saint it used to be said each time he left home to go and perform his religious duties he would say, "And now, Lord, goodbye. I am off to church.

by Anonymous

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Prelude - *Every Time I Hear the Spirit Words & Music: African American Spiritual.* Arranged by: Steve Hulse

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community - *Ten Suggestions for a Healthy Congregation* by Deane Starr*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting *We kindle this flame because...* by Art Severance*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought - *American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon* by Stephen Prothero
- ◆ Song - *Shall We Gather by the River* New words: John Hook Music: Robert Lowert

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *A Prayer*
- ◆ Musical Response - *Love Will Guide Us*
Words: Sally Rogers Music: Trad. Arr. Betty A. Wylder*
- ◆ Reading - *Saving Jesus From Those Who Are Right* by Carter Hayward

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse - *Beyond a Stained Glass Jesus* by Art Severance*
- ◆ Song - *In the Garden* words & music: Author Austin Miles

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ◆ Postlude - *Go Now in Peace* words & music: Natalie Sleeth

*Acknowledging 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.

Following the morning assembly, we gather online for a virtual coffee hour. You are invited to drop by and join the conversation. We gather on Zoom, here's the meeting ID: 933 8502 2882.

About Sunday's speaker: *the Rev. Art graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity in 1987 and later completed his internship at the Princeton Unitarian Church. He is the minister Emeritus of the First UU Church of San Antonio. After retiring he has served in UU ministry at Boulder Valley UU Fellowship in Lafayette, CO, East Shore UU Church in Kirtland, OH, First UU Church of Stockton, CA, and at the UU Church of Amherst, NY. He retired in 2015 and moved back to San Antonio. He now occasionally preaches at our church and at churches in the area.*

UU 2021 Common Read - The discussion about the common read book *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* will be tomorrow, Mar 15 @ 10 am via Zoom Meeting ID: 853 5540 3281. PC: 556199. If you've read the book, you may join the conversation.

Jan's Music Circle will gather for an evening of live music next Sat. Mar 20 starting at 5:30 pm (for performers to sign in) with the singing starting at 6 pm. Open to all music lovers. The Zoom Meeting ID: 970 4165 1332.

CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *the rev Art Severance, who also will be performing our musical selections today. Go Art!*
Production: *Marla Loturco*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

BLISTERING HOPE

the rev. Dr. Aija Duelm



A stonemason would tell us that the rock is not easy to shape, it takes time and leaves blisters on our hands. Many other things in life are like that- where the results are not visible right away. How do we engage the work where the only sign of progress are blisters on our hands? Can you handle the blisters? Where do you find hope and beauty in the work that is ongoing?



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