

# RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, March 28, 2021

*For every well-attested, heavily researched, and eminently authoritative argument made about the historical Jesus, there is an equally well-attested, equally researched, and equally authoritative argument opposing it.*

From *Zealot: The Life & Times of Jesus of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan

## GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Virtual Welcome
- ◆ Prelude - *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* Words: Hal Hopson  
Music: Trad. English Performed by Champlain Valley UU Society, Middlebury VT

## CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community *Let Us Be a Faith* by Heide Cottam\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting *The Mystery of History Remains* by M. Christine Tata
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought - *On Historical Jesus Research* by John Dominic Crossan
- ◆ Song - *Love is Here Right Now* Words: Carol Benson Holst Performed by Paper Windows

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading - from *Mark 12:38-44; 13:1-11* The Message Translation
- ◆ Practices - *Destroy this Temple* by Steve Garnaas-Holmes
- ◆ Musical Response - *The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm* Music: Bobby McFerrin Performed by Chancel Choir, All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, DC\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Stewardship Moment - *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Reading - from *Mark 14: 1-2; 15: 33-47*
- ◆ Discourse - *The Real Truth About Easter, Part One: Undercover in Jerusalem* by M. Christine Tata
- ◆ Song - *Jerusalema* words & music: Fenomenos do Semba and performed: Fenomenos do Sembra Masters

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Closing Thought - from an interview with Marcus Borg, author of *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*
- ◆ Benediction - *Take Courage Friends* by Wayne B. Arnason\*
- ◆ 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 religious*

*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.*

*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 today's guest minister:** *Christine Tata has enjoyed visiting Red River 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.*

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**24 and Counting!** On March 26, 1997 the first UU worship event was held in Texoma. Those gathered liked what they saw and heard. The seeds were planted. Happy anniversary everyone.

**The deadline for the April newsletter** was yesterday. There's still room for a small article (or two). Please submit your stuff to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) today!

## CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *the rev Dr. Christine Tata*

Production: *Doug Strong*

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

**THE TRUTH ABOUT EASTER, PART PART II:  
WOMEN CHANGE THE WORLD IN SECRET**

the rev. Dr. Christine Tata

Red River Unitarian Universalists are encouraged to be there for the Easter premier of the final part of the special two-part series, when the Rev. Dr. Christine discloses the real truth about Easter, solves the mystery of the empty tomb, and reveals the extent to which women create, change, and maintain the world of meaning. That is: the world that is worth anything at all.



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