

RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, April 4, 2021

His disciples asked, 'On which day will you make yourself known to us?' Lord Jesus replied, 'When you rid yourselves of guilt and shame.

From *The Essential Gnostic Gospels*
by Alan Jacobs

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ♦ Virtual Welcome
- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Prelude – *When All of This is Over* Words, Music and Performer: John McCutcheon

CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community by Nichola Torbett, *adapted*
- ♦ Chalice Lighting by M. Christine Tata
- ♦ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought – *The Opening of the Gospel of Mary Magdalene* from *The Essential Gnostic Gospels* by Alan Jacobs
- ♦ Song – *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again* Words: Samuel Longfellow* Music: Lyra Davidica, Arr: Jocelyn Neal Performed by Eno River Virtual Choir, Eno River UU Fellowship, Durham NC

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading - from *Gospel of Mark 16:9-20*
- ♦ Practices – *Meditation on Encountering the Holy* by enflashed, adapted, used by permission
- ♦ Musical Response – *One Family Words* and Music: Joan Hamill Performed by Chancel Choir*, 1st UU Church, Baltimore, MD

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Stewardship Moment – *Jim Holmes*
- ♦ Reading - from *Gospel of Mary Magdalene*, from *The Essential Gnostic Gospels* by Alan Jacobs
- ♦ Discourse - *The Real Truth About Easter, Part Two: Women Change the World in Secret* by Christine Tata
- ♦ Song – *We will Not Stop Singing* words & music: The Chapin Sisters performed: Chapin Sisters w/ 1st Unitarian Congregational Society, Brooklyn NY

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Closing Thought - *A Female Deity, in Thunder/Perfect Mind* from *The Essential Gnostic Gospels* by Alan Jacobs, translator
- ♦ Benediction - by Christine Tata
- ♦ 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

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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 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 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 as Rev.Dr.Sparky, continuing in her mission to inspire courage in the face of absurdity.*

The 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign "RETURN AGAIN to the land of your soul" begins on Monday, April 12th. Look for details next week.

This year's Earth Day Festival will be a special Recycling Day event rather than a full festival to help Texoma stay healthy and safe. Details about the event are on our [Texoma Earth Day website](http://TexomaEarthDay.com).

CREATING THIS MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Minister: *the rev Dr. Christine Tata*

Production: *Marla Loturco*

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

Good Habits: Cultivating Virtue

the rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*



Aristotle believed that possessing good character is about cultivating moral and intellectual virtue, and this requires practicing good habits for the sake of human flourishing. What might we learn from Aristotle in our contemporary context?



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