

# RED RIVER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Sunday, May 9, 2021

*I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals  
I have eaten; even so, they have made me.*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson\*

## GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Virtual Welcome
- ◆ Prelude - *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* Words & music by Joyce Poley\* singers: The Community Church, UU of Chapel Hill, NC virtual choir

## CREATING VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community - *We, too, Were Once Seeking Home* by Erika A. Hewitt\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting - *A Community of Faith* by Judith L. Quarles\*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation - *words on the screen*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought - *Marion and Anne Lamott* by various authors
- ◆ Song - *We Laugh, We Cry* words & music: Carolyn McDade singers: The Community Church, UU of Chapel Hill, NC virtual choir

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading - from *Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year* by Anne Lamott
- ◆ Practices - from *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott
- ◆ Musical Response - *Bound (A Mother's Song)* Words & music by thisisLEA
- ◆ Reading - from *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* and from *Stitches* by Anne Lamott

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse - *Hallelujah Anyway* by Marion Moore Hill
- ◆ Song - *To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love* Words: Wm Blake Music: Nikolaus Herman Soloist: Jess Hutteman Singers: Bell St. Chapel, UU Providence, RI

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Closing Thought - *Fitted for This Day* by Kimberly Quinn Johnson\*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice - *words on the screen*
- ◆ Looking Ahead - *A Glimpse about next Sunday*
- ◆ Postlude - *Shalom* sung by Deborah Klinger and the Virtual Chamber Choir, the Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC

\*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're 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. We gather at Zoom Meeting ID: 933 8502 2882.*

**About today's guest minister:** *Marion Hill, a charter member of our congregation and chair of the membership committee, is a mystery author who writes two series of novels (the Scrappy Librarian Mysteries and the Deadly Past Mysteries—see [www.marionmoore-hill.net](http://www.marionmoore-hill.net) for details. She formerly taught English at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and both English and journalism at Carson-Newman College (now University) in Tennessee and has been a legal secretary.*

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** is in two weeks, Sun. May 16 @ 1 pm on Zoom. Please add it to your calendar. Friends and visitors are welcome to participate.

**Online voting** [here](#) is available for members unable to attend next Sunday's congregation meeting

**The Board** invite *EVERYONE* to take a quick brief 3-minute survey. Take it [here](#) on any device.

## CREATING TODAY'S MORNING ASSEMBLY

Guest Speaker: *Marion Moore Hill*  
Worship Associate: *Tommi Homuth*  
Video/audio: *Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*  
Production: *Doug Strong*

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

**WHEN THE UNIVERSALISTS & UNITARIANS  
VOTED TO CONSOLIDATE, MY MOTHER  
VOTED NO!**

The Rev. Doug Strong, *leading*



On Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the Unitarian Universalist Association turns 60. A good time to take stock and wonder, "Would liberal religion have died if the Universalists and Unitarians hadn't joined forces?" "Why consolidate and not merge?" "What fueled the desire to change?" "Why didn't they find a shorter name?" And if you thought the children of Israel took a long time (40 years!) to go next door and find the Promised Land, it took 100 years for these two groups – whose offices were walking distance from one another – to do ....what? Find the promised land? Hardly! They nearly went bankrupt before reaching 20! It's an intriguing thing, history, and an important thing, too.

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