

Sorry, grammar nerds. The singular 'they' has been declared Word of the Year.
American Dialect Society, Jan 8, 2016

GATHERING OUR SELVES

- ◆ With hellos & “air” hugs
- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Who You Are Enriches Us All
Monica Jacobson-Tennessen*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
A Chalice Lighting for When Things Aren't Okay
by Molly Brewer*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation
Love is the spirit of this church ... and service is its law.
This is our great covenant ... to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom ... and to help one another

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought
Word of the Year
from The Washington Post
- ◆ Song 112
Do You Hear

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ First Reading
Nudging Us Toward Life
by Li Kynvi*
- ◆ Practices
For All This Is Our Life
by Liz Weber*

- ◆ Second Reading
Changing Your Mind When Presented with New Information is a Sign of Intelligence
by Tim Denning

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Song 1053 (Teal songbook)
How Could Anyone
- ◆ The Morning Discourse
A Post-PRIDE Lesson on Gender
Adrian Hinman

OPEN DIALOGUE

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table or give on the church mobile app home screen
- ◆ Song 325
Love Makes a Bridge
- ◆ A Parting Thought
Married Love
by Guan Daosheng
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice
We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
The warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.
- ◆ Postlude
- ◆ Fellowship Gathering - *Alexander & Emerson Rooms*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

PROGRAM NOTES

This morning we welcome to our pulpit Adrian Hinman, a member of the congregation. Adrian is part of the LGBTQ+ Welcome Congregation committee as well as sitting in on

Worship Team meetings where they assist in bringing forward a wide array of ideas and worship topics. It is a joy to welcome them to the pulpit. Adrian and their son Marko live in Denison.

Please remember to return both songbooks to the new shelves located on the front of the AV desk. Also be mindful to pick up a hymnal next week when you come into the chapel.

Open Dialogue Today. Adrian welcomes your questions and comments. Remember to wait for the roving mic to come to you before speaking to them.

Today following the morning assembly those of us who enjoy conversation will have lunch at Dragon Thai restaurant. Thirteen of us visited them on our reopening Sunday and several have asked about doing it again. Food is good, prices are reasonable and, since it's not at all busy, we can stay as long as we want to visit. You may come right after the assembly ends or wait until after coffee. 613 N Austin Ave, 3 blocks from church.

Yesterday was the deadline for the August newsletter. If you had wanted something included, you best get it submitted today to news@redriveruu.org.

Remember that both the Adult Forum and Online Coffee as well as the Morning Assembly are now live streamed on ZOOM using one meeting ID: **989 0789 7878** for all Sunday morning activities. Virtual visitors are warmly invited to zoom in and say hello.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- Board Rep: *Jim Holmes*
- Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- Host: *Doug Strong*
- Keyboardist: *Dan Althoff*
- Guest Leader: *Adrian Hinman*
- Worship Associate: *Carole Harner*
- AV Crew: *Don Roger, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- Good Times Team: *Marilyn Alexander*
- Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

Continued on back panel

WELCOME GUESTS

We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.

Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters – love, justice, integrity, and hope.

We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches.

We Unitarian Universalists have different beliefs, but shared values. We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may also be agnostic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, humanist, Jewish, Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths – we're always learning how to see the world from a different perspective.

Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the App Store.

This is who we are. We are glad you came today.



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

Adult Forum will continue its study of activism and activists during July. Next Sunday we will watch *Long Walk Tears of the Navajo*.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Ethics and Science

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *speaking*

Science helps ethics know the content of the social and ecological challenges we are facing and provides a method to access knowledge we need to address these challenges. Ethics provides the methods of reflection on choices, values, obligations, and principles that we need to make sure that science is used and applied in moral ways. Ethics and science need one another if we are to be successful in creating and maintaining flourishing human and ecological communities

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

Sunday, July 25, 2021

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOXES



GROW YOUR SOUL
SERVE THE WORLD