

Water comes from high mountain sources. Water runs deep in the Earth. Miraculously, water comes to us and sustains all life.

My gratitude is filled to the brim.

~ Thích Nhất Hạnh

GATHERING OUR SELVES

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

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Music by Lynn Ungar* | words adapted from Rumi

EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community

Come Sit by the Water’s Edge

by Jennifer Kitchen*

- ◆ Candles of Community

- ◆ Prelude

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

- ◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table

- ◆ 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

- ◆ Lighting the Chalice

The Flame of our Chalice

by Jane Parsons*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Reading

Water Dance

by Thomas Locker

- ◆ Special Music

Here We Have Gathered

By Alice S. Carpenter* | UU Church of Tampa Choir*

- ◆ Reading

Let Religion Be to Us

by Vincent Brown Silliman*

- ◆ Song

There’s a River Flowin’ Through My Soul

ANNUAL WATER COMMUNION TRADITION

- ◆ In The Beginning

All Water Is Connected

by Myke Johnson*

- ◆ Gathering our Water

- ◆ Practices

A Meditation on Water

- ◆ Quiet Sitting for a time

- ◆ Musical Response

Blue Boat Home

Amy Broadbent, *soloist*

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ A Parting Thought

A Variation on Deuteronomy 6:11

by Peter Raible*

- ◆ 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

The Annual Water Communion Tradition was created by the Worship team.

Lanan and Robert Shelton are now at The Woodlands, behind TMC; Room 204, not 202 it turns out. Please visit!

The deadline for the September newsletter was last night. Kindly email your submissions to news@redriveruu.org.

In September, the adult forum will be exploring the growth of religion starting with the first beliefs of ancient peoples. The first two weeks will cover some of the various religions around the world. The last two weeks will look at the beginning of and the rise and decline of Unitarian Universalism. Links to weekly videos selected are in the Events list on the church website’s home page.

Jan’s Music Circle will gather in the chapel next Saturday, Sept 4th starting at 5:30 for the monthly evening of live home-grown music. So, get out your acoustic instrument of choice, warm up your voice, plan on performing (if you wish) and join us for Jan’s Music Circle. All acoustic song styles as well as non-performing listeners are welcome *and encouraged*. The group live streams our gathering on Zoom for those wishing to shelter in place. The meeting ID is 970 4165 1332. Let the Music Play On! [Please note: There will be no Music Circle in October.]

The Annual Non-Profit & Internship Fair at Austin College is Thurs. Sept. 9 from 11-1 pm. We have participated often over the years as it is a terrific way to meet A.C. students who are UU’s. Might you volunteer to staff a table laden with information about liberal religion? Speak with a board member if you’d consider helping. We have one person willing to do it, but we need two.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- Board Rep: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- Greeting us at the door: *Linda Tracy*
- Host: *Doug Strong*
- Keyboardist: *Dan Althoff*
- Worship Associate: *Thomas Garland*
- Worship Team: *Dan Althoff and Doug Strong today*
- AV Crew: *Carole Harner and Jim Holmes today*
- 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

Adult Forum will be exploring the growth of religion starting with the dawn of religion during September. This week *The Dawn of Religion : Documentary on the First Beliefs of Ancient Peoples.*

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

“Who and Whose Are We?”

The Rev. Kelly J. Crocker, co-senior minister

First Unitarian Society of Madison, WI (video message)

Rev. Kelly J. Crocker reflects on contemplating commitment, as we will take some time to think about the commitments we make to ourselves in our journey to figuring out who we individually are in this life. And also reflecting on the commitments we make to one another in the building of this larger life we share.

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations

TO OUR VIRTUAL FRIENDS: We live stream our Sunday Activities on our Zoom Account: Meeting ID: 989 0789 7878

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

Sunday, August 29, 2021



*Grow your Soul and Serve
the World*