

Give us the courage to sit and stay, to bear witness to the brokenness as well as the beauty. Help me to remember that as I hold others in love, I am held and healed in turn by the great love that abides.

- Rev. Elizabeth Stevens*

GREETING OUR SELVES

- ♦ With hellos & “air” hugs
- ♦ Sounding the Tibetan Bowl

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community
Each of Us Brings a Separate Truth Here
by Rev Penny Hackett-Evans*
- ♦ Candles of Community
- ♦ Prelude
- ♦ 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
On Thresholds
by Rev. Florence Caplow*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ♦ Opening Thought
from *Breathe - A Letter to My Sons*
by Imani Perry
- ♦ Song
*Gather the Spirit**

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading
from *The Secret History of the Serenity Prayer*
by Susan Cheever*
- ♦ Practices
The Journey to Self-Love
by Ndidia Achebe*

Quiet Sitting for a Time Musical Response

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ The Morning Discourse
Making Dreams Real
by Arthur Horn

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
or give on the church mobile app home screen*
- ♦ Song
Just As Long as I Have Breath
- ♦ Benediction
A Benediction for September 11
By Rev. Gregory Jones*
Musical Response
- ♦ 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

We welcome this morning, to the free pulpit Mr. Arthur Horn, director of Making Dreams Real organization. In 2015, a serious void was recognized by Jeannie and Arthur Horn. Grayson County was in dire need of a mental health residential recovery behavior modification program. At that time, when individuals were released from jail or a behavioral health center after a mental health crisis,

there was NOT a single residential care option in the county where they could turn for help.

Many of us have reached out to Lanan Sheldon this week. Should you wish to visit we've set up an app where you can sign up to visit any weekday morning or afternoon, or bring her a diabetic lunch. The link “Signup to Visit Lanan Shelton” is on church website homepage under the Upcoming Events listings. You can also give her a call (903-647-5371) anytime. She doesn't have a phone that does Video calling.

Thanks for those who have sent in their annual reports. This year, Jim has asked everyone to also include what your hopes, dreams and plans are for the next reporting year (from now thru September 30, 2022). You gotta submit your report by Sunday, September 26th. Send yours to president@redriveruu.org.

The Board of Trustees meets next Sunday at 1 pm in the Chapel. On the docket will be finalizing the agenda for the Fall Congregational Meeting. If you want something discussed at the meeting, best get your request into Jim this week.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ♦ September Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ♦ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ♦ Keyboardist: *Dan Althoff*
- ♦ Worship Associate: *Thomas Garland*
- ♦ Guest Speakers: *Arthur Horn*
- ♦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes,*
- ♦ 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 19, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

During September, we are exploring the growth of religion starting with the dawn of religion. Next Sunday: UU History Parts I and II.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly. Immigration so far in the Biden Administration

Bill Holston, *speaking*

Immigration lawyer Bill Holston returns to give us an update on his work with assisting immigration issues. He notes, "It's a mixed bag so far and even some of the progress has been limited by Federal Court Appointments".

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations

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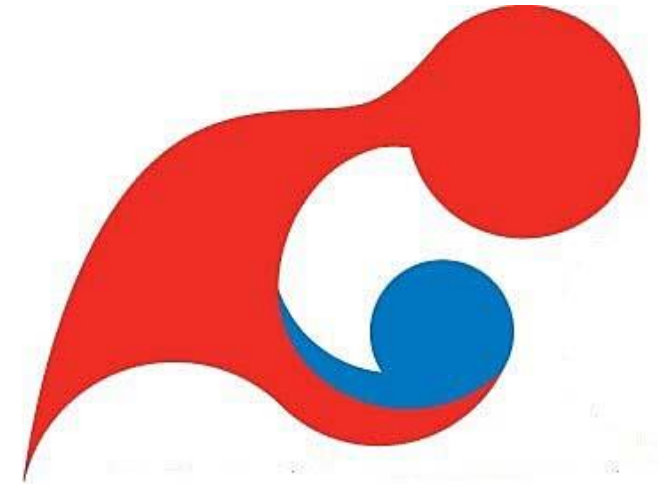
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THE MORNING PROGRAM

For Sunday, September 12, 2021



All Ways Intriguing