

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.

~ Fred Rogers

GREETING OUR SELVES

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Invocation for Difficult Times
by Elena Westbrook*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
from *Prelude in D major*
by J.S. Bach | Played by Jay Kauffman
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
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
How Can I Help? from *No Return Address*
by James Hauenstein*
- ◆ Song
For All That Is Our Life
Words by Bruce Findlow | Music by Patrick Rickey

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *In Helping Others, You Help Yourself*
by Marianna Pogosyan

◆ Practices

A Life Dedicated to Justice, Equality, and Peace
by Paul S. Sawyer*

- ◆ Quiet Sitting for a Time
- ◆ Musical Response

I know This Rose Will Open
Words and Music by Mary Grigolia*

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Reading
from the writings of Charles de Lint
- ◆ The Morning Discourse
Look for the Helpers
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
or give on the church mobile app home screen*
- ◆ Song
You'll Never Walk Alone
by Rogers & Hammerstein | Singers: The Male
choir of Hamas, Norway
- ◆ Parting Thought
Love: What Life is All About
by Leo Buscaglia
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ Fellowship Gathering - *Alexander & Emerson Rooms*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

PROGRAM NOTES

We welcome once again the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies to our small congregation. Mark The Rev. Dr. Mark Davies is the Oklahoma State Humanities Scholar for the Smithsonian Institute Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit. He is also the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics; Director of the World House Institute for Social and Ecological Responsibility; and Executive Director of the Leadership. Education, and Development Hub North America for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry at Oklahoma City University where he has worked in both teaching and administration for 24 years. He is a United Methodist minister and holds a Ph.D. in Social Ethics, from Boston University.

Tuesday is the deadline to return all team/committee reports. Please email your report to president@redriveruu.org.

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MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ September Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Guest Minister: *the Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ 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, OCTOBER 3, 2021

10 am - Adult Forum

During October Marion Hill will take us on a sojourn looking at Heroes that she thinks deserves our attention. Intrigues? Check it out next week.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Moral Decision-Making - Is it in Our Genes?

Elena Westbrook, *speaking*

Cognitive scientist Steven Pinker asked if there is an evolutionary basis for morality. If there is, what does that mean for how we understand differences in moral codes and how we make our own moral choices?

Elena Westbrook was formerly the worship chair for Community UU Church of Plano, where she has been a regular guest speaker. Now semi-retired, she has also been a marketing writer, a proposal manager, a medical copyeditor, an environmental consultant, and a radio DJ. She lives in Fairview with her husband, Paul.

12:15 pm - Greetings & Conversations

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

Sunday, September 26, 2021



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All Ways Intriguing
