

*The future depends on what we do in the present.*

~ Mahatma Gandhi

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community  
*Invitation to Join the Journey*  
by Lyn Cox\*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice  
*A Flame to Light Our Path*  
by Devra Burrell\*
- ◆ 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  
*Englisch [sic] on Purpose*  
by J.E.B Spredemann
- ◆ Song  
*Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky*

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
from *Love in a Time of Climate Change*  
by Sharon Delgado
- ◆ Practices  
*Charter for Compassion*  
by Karen Armstrong
  - ◆ Stillness for a Time
  - ◆ Musical Response

- ◆ Reading  
from *The Great Law of Peace*  
of the Iroquois Confederacy
- ◆ Song  
*Our World is One World*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ The Morning Discourse  
*Intergenerational Justice*  
by the Rev. Dr. 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  
*We Would Be One*
- ◆ Parting Thought  
from *Notebooks 1935-1942*  
by Albert Camus
- ◆ 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

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Leading today's morning assembly** is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. Mark is the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics at Oklahoma City University where he has worked in both teaching and administration for 25 years. He is an ordained elder in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Mark's Ph.D. is from Boston University in the area of Social Ethics, and he has served Boston University School of Theology as a member of its Dean's Advisory Board and as the alumnus representative their Green Team as part of the Green Seminary Initiative.

Mark engages in advocacy and activism in the areas of peace, social justice, and ecological sustainability. Locally this is expressed through his work with the Human Community Network, which works to create non-violent systemic change for a just and flourishing human and ecological community through collaboration, education, innovation, and action. See [www.humancommunitynetwork.org](http://www.humancommunitynetwork.org).

He and his wife Kristin live in Edmond, OK, and they have two daughters who attend Oklahoma City University.

**The Board of Trustees** meets today in the chapel following the morning assembly.

**While the newsletter deadline for December** is not until next Sat, if you are planning on submitting an article/announcement, could you strive to send it to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) before *Thanksgiving*. Much appreciated.

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Today's Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Linda Tracy*
- ◆ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Keyboardist: *Dan Althoff*
- ◆ Guest Minister: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

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## WELCOME GUESTS

**W**e 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, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

### 10 am - Adult Forum

During November we are exploring the possible future of our planet. Sorry, but we don't come out on top. Will we go quickly with a uncontrolled virus or will climate change make the earth unlivable for humans?

### 11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

#### **Over the River and Through the Holidays** the Worship Team, leading

With Thanksgiving barely behind us, we ring in the holiday season on this first Sunday of Advent with music to celebrate the festivities and holy days ahead in December, with a special emphasis on beloved traditional tunes. In the best Unitarian Universalist style, we also respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the many religious traditions that also celebrate very special days during a very special month. Come for glad tidings, comfort, and joy!

12:15 pm - Coffee and Conversations - *Suspended for now due to the Delta Variant.*

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# The Morning

# Program

Sunday, November 21, 2021



*...and to help one another*