

It is an unfortunate human failing that a full pocketbook often groans more than an empty stomach.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
We Come Together This Morning
by Kathleen McTigue*
- ◆ Candles of Community
- ◆ Prelude
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring Johann Sebastian Bach
joshua rogers, guitarist
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
by Albert Schweitzer*
- ◆ 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
from *1933 Inaugural Address*
by Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ◆ Song
Love Will Guide Us
by Sally Rogers | Choir from 1st Unitarian Church
Baltimore

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ The Morning Discourse
The Great Depression: Pain and Relief
Glenn Melancon, leading
- ◆ 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
One More Step
by Joyce Poley | choir from Community Church of
Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist in NC
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *1941 State of the Union Address*
by Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ◆ 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
Brandenburg Concerto 3, 1st movement BWV 1048 by J.S.
Bach, Performers: Vancouver Guitar Orchestra

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists



PROGRAM NOTES

We welcome to The Free Pulpit this morning As an “Army Brat” Glenn Melançon [pronounced Mel-LAWN-sawn] learned the value of public service. He was born in Heidelberg, Germany, on January 24, 1966, and is the youngest of four children. His parents, Yves

“Buster” and Anna Mae Melançon, had committed to a career in the US military, Buster as a combat engineer and Anna Mae as a military wife. Their sacrifices and examples provided the foundation for Glenn’s firm belief that serving others can make the world better one day at a time.

Glenn and his wife Jackie moved to Sherman in 1995 after he completed a Ph.D. in History from Louisiana State University. He had accepted an appointment to teach history at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, while Jackie became a special education teacher at Denison ISD. They are proud of their two sons, Christopher and Alexandre. Christopher is following in his grandfather’s footsteps as a combat engineer. Alex attended Sherman High School and the University of Louisiana–Lafayette. He is now a proud member of the United States Airforce. While Glenn advanced in rank to become a Full Professor in July 2005, he made time to serve the local community. He served as the Cubmaster and Committee Chair for Pack 9, Wakefield Elementary School. He is also a volunteer at St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Open Dialogue this morning. Please remember to wait for someone to bring you the microphone before you speak.

The Board of Trustees meets today following the morning assembly. If you wish to speak with the board, please notify Jim Holmes prior to the meeting.

“Living with What IS” – A Special Workshop with Marie Silén will be held in the chapel on Saturday, January 29th from 2-4:30 pm. Maria Silén, certified Qigong and Ayurvedic Yoga instructor and founder of Serene Harvest Yoga Studio will be the leader. Cost is \$20. Details are on the church mobile app and listed in the church calendar on the website home page.

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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.



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board Rep: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Linda Tracy*
 - ◆ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ Leading today: *Dr. Glenn Melancon*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Sin of Nicaea

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

An exploration of problematic relationships between church and state, especially when the power of the state is used to enforce adherence to religious beliefs and doctrines.

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The Morning Program

Sunday, January 16, 2022



“...and service is its law.”