

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

~ Desmond Tutu

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

### GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community  
*Being Human Means We Are of This Earth*  
by Sweethome Teacup
- ♦ Candles of Community
- ♦ Prelude  
*Ityala Madoda*  
By Mariam Makeba
- ♦ Lighting the Chalice  
*Bold and Courageous Together*  
by Erika A. Hewitt\*
- ♦ 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  
*If You Are Neutral ...*  
by Desmond Tutu
- ♦ Song  
*Qongqothwane (The Click Song)*  
by Mariam Makeba

### EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading  
*No Future Without Forgiveness*  
by Desmond Tutu

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

### ♦ Practices

#### Meditation

*Disturb Us O Lord*

by Desmond Tutu

#### Silent Prayers of the People

#### Musial Response

*Return Again* by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

UU society, Grafton and Upton, MA

### ♦ Reading

from *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for  
Healing Ourselves and Our World*

by Desmond Tutu

### DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

#### ♦ Discourse

*The Power of Justice: The Life and Legacy of  
Desmond Tutu*

by Mark Y.A. Davies

### CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

#### ♦ Giving

*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*

#### ♦ Song

*We Will Go Out in The World*

by David Owens | UU society, Grafton and Upton, MA

#### ♦ Parting Thought

from *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a  
Changing World*

by Desmond Tutu

#### ♦ 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

*For The Beauty of the Earth*

Paul Cardall, guitar

## 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 .

*With Amazement and Appreciation*

Following our morning assembly everyone is warmly invited to tarry for a catered lunch (from Cackle & Oink BBQ) as together we show our amazement and appreciation to those whose work over the last 23 months has kept us going. Usually, our annual appreciation event is a dinner. Originally the board felt it best to forgo the food but reconsidered given the decrease in cases in both Bryan and Grayson County the last 2 weeks. Please plan on staying and enjoying some UU hospitality, good food and fellowship. The Bruce Cameron Distinguished Service Award will be presented. Those joining us on Zoom will on one screen so all of us can be in community together.

**The March newsletter** deadline is next Saturday, February 26. Send your submissions to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) before 10 pm.

**Marion Moore Hill was interviewed** by the Tornado Alley Mystery Writers blog which is now available on both Google Podcasts and Spotify. She discusses her mystery novels she writes and the research for them. The links to both options is in the current UPDATE. You can also search for Tornado Alley Mystery Writers and find the links on their website.

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ♦ Board Rep: *David Dyer*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
- ♦ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ♦ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ♦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ♦ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

## 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 Apps Store.*

*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*



## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

### Science and Religion

Now through April the Forum is exploring the Great Courses Series *Science and Religion*. Details of each week's lecture/discussion is available on the church calendar and mobile app.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### Love After Love

The Rev. Dr. Thandeka, *speaking (video message)*

Tommi Homuth, *worship associate*

Many of today's "spiritual but not religious" people – one in four US adults – have found the access point to spiritual experience that Western Christianity lost: unconditional love. Thandeka sees in the emergence of the "spiritual but not religious" community a great potential for her goal of "love beyond belief." She has demonstrated in practice how, by paying close attention to the affects, dying established churches can come alive. She hopes that those who are alienated from these churches, often for excellent reasons, can develop community activities that will lead them to experience love beyond belief.

You are encouraged to read About Rev. Thandeka because she is probably one of the most influential Unitarian Universalist theologians living today. Information about her book *Love Beyond Belief* is also available on the same link.

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# The Morning Program



## February 20, 2022