

# Survive said the prophet.

~ Mukaniyo

## Coming Together

- ❖ With hellos and 'air hugs'
- ❖ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ❖ Silent Call to Community *please read*

*Survive Said the Prophet* by Mukaniyo

To sink or swim in order to survive  
"dog eat dog world" I tell myself  
What went wrong?  
Survival of the fittest, the strongest will survive  
If it's the world that our wisdom will lead  
Well, tell me what went wrong

I've paid my dues  
I've sold my soul  
So tell me, what is left for me  
When I've given up everything

The strongest is held down  
Through the chain of responsibility  
What went wrong?  
The weak kept desperate  
Under the feet of society  
What went wrong?

Can someone tell me how I use to picture  
The scenes that I used to dream of?  
I can't seem to feel a thing  
From this scenery  
The more I look back the more I feel  
Like the person I am is empty inside

This world lost its clarity  
There's no justice nor morality  
Even with all the good in this world  
All it takes is one to destroy  
The balance of good and evil  
To kill or to be killed  
Is this the meaning of life  
We've all fought so hard for?

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- ❖ Candles of Community / Giving  
Prelude: *Six Short Piano Pieces, No. 1 Lullaby* by Benjamin Kallestein
- ❖ Believing We Can Stewardship moment
- ❖ Chalice Lighting by Don Fielding
- ❖ 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.

- ❖ Opening Thought by Don Fielding
- ❖ Musical Interlude  
*Dust In the Wind* by Kansas

## Expanding our Possibilities

- ❖ The Morning Discourse  
*Survival* by Don Fielding
- ❖ Open Dialogue
- ❖ A Musical Interlude  
*Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen  
performed by Alexander Boldachev & Grace Browning
- ❖ A Parting Thought by Don Fielding
- ❖ 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 ~ *Kindly remain seated for the postlude*  
*String Quartet in F Minor*  
by Felix Mendelssohn | performed by Joyous String Ensemble

## Welcome Visitors

If this is your first visit or if you've stopped by previously and are here again, we welcome you. We are the only liberal religious community in all of Texoma and you may find our approach to religion somewhat different. We don't tell people what they must/should/ought to believe. Rather we gather to share our individual ideas about what it is that has meaning for each of us. We enjoy being a diverse religious community that fosters diversity, community and individual spiritual growth. We glad you're come today.

## Program Notes

**Returning to the free pulpit** this morning is the Rev. Dr. Don Fielding, a longtime friend of the congregation who over the last quarter century has shared his unique worship style with us many times. After spending a career as a geologist, he decided rocks were a tad too sedentary. UU ministry was his answer. His approach to worship involves fewer words and more music as both speak to hearts and souls. Thus is the joy of having a free pulpit.



**Believing We Can** - We kicked off the 2022 stewardship campaign last Friday. The finance committee felt the three word tag line *Believing We Can* summed up who we are and who we've been for the last 25 years. Please give as you're able. One can pledge on the church mobile app, website or via a pledge card.

We will have an **Open Dialogue** this morning. Please try to remember to wait for someone to bring *and hold* the mic while you offer your comments or questions.

**Time to order Fair Trade Coffee!** What? You don't know that many of us order fair trade coffee to help the growers earn a fair wage. Speak with Marion Hill who has the details.

**Isn't it swell** that after the morning assembly there are intriguing and surprising gastronomic choices to relish? Right now, we have a few more eaters than we have folks bringing food. The solution is simple - we need a couple more to bring food (or a few more to stop eating!) Won't you please consider joining those who are supplying treats? Speak with Marilyn Alexander for details.

**Twenty Days, folks! 480 Hours!** The Earth Day Festival is fast approaching. Since Red River UU is the reason there is Earth Day in Texoma we sure want it to be a glorious success. We, the people, hold its success in our hands. Please think seriously about volunteering to work, maybe in the church booth, or on the general festival crew. Download volunteer form from the church calendar (look for Apr 23). It is work, yes, but also a lot of fun.

## Whose Doing What This Morning

Greeting us at the door: *Carol Powell*

Ask Me Host: *Marion Hill*

Guest Minister: *The Rev. Dr. Don Fielding*

AV Team: *Don Rogers, Marla Loturco, Carole Harner and Jim Holmes*

With the youngsters: *Ellie Dyer*

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The Morning Program for  
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