

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.

~ George Orwell

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community
Invitation to Join the Journey
by Lyn Cox*
- ♦ Candles of Community/Prelude
Arietta from Lyric Pieces op. 12, no. 1
by Edvard Grieg | pianist Andrejs Osokins
- ♦ Lighting the Chalice
On Inherent Worth and Dignity
by Lyn Cox*
- ♦ 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 *The Origins of Totalitarianism*
by Hannah Arendt
- ♦ Song - 119
Once to Every Soul and Nation
Words: James Russell Lowell* | music: Thomas John Williams | vocals: Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC choir

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Reading
 - ♦ from *Brave New World Revisited*
by Aldous Huxley

♦ Practices

Meditation

from *How Important is Truth?*

by Matthew Fox

Silent Reflections of the People

Musial Response

There Is a Love

words: Rebecca Ann Parker* | music: Elizabeth Norton

♦ Reading

from *Propaganda*

by Jacques Ellul

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

♦ Discourse

Pernicious Propaganda

by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

♦ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table

Music: *Waltz Op 12, no 2*

by Edvard Grieg | pianist Vadim Chaimovich

♦ Song

A la Volonté du Peuple

music: Claude Michel Schonberg | words: Herbert Kretzmer (English Lyrics *Do You Hear the People Sing?*)

♦ Parting Thought

from *1984*

by George Orwell

♦ 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

Prelude Op 28, no. 21 in B-flat major

by Fredric Chopin | pianist Evgeny Kissin

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

The Spring Congregational Meeting is today. Everyone is warmly invited to join in the potluck lunch before the meeting - whether you stay for the meeting or not (all may attend - members, friends, visitors). Online voting closes at noon. You may vote on the church website and mobile app.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

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

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

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 joined us today.



NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

My Favorite Universe

A video series from The Great Courses

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

“Of all the amazing things about the Universe, I think two stand above all the rest. One of them is that we know so much about the universe, but another is that there’s even more that we don’t know.”

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Going Local

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y. A. Davies

2000-mile salads, money streaming out of our local communities, dependence on global corporations, living in debt, little to no connection and commerce with the people around us, over-dependence on fossil fuel, depopulation and impoverishment of rural communities – these are the hallmarks of a global economy with little concern for the flourishing of our local communities. But there is a movement that is working to transform our systems in a more local direction.



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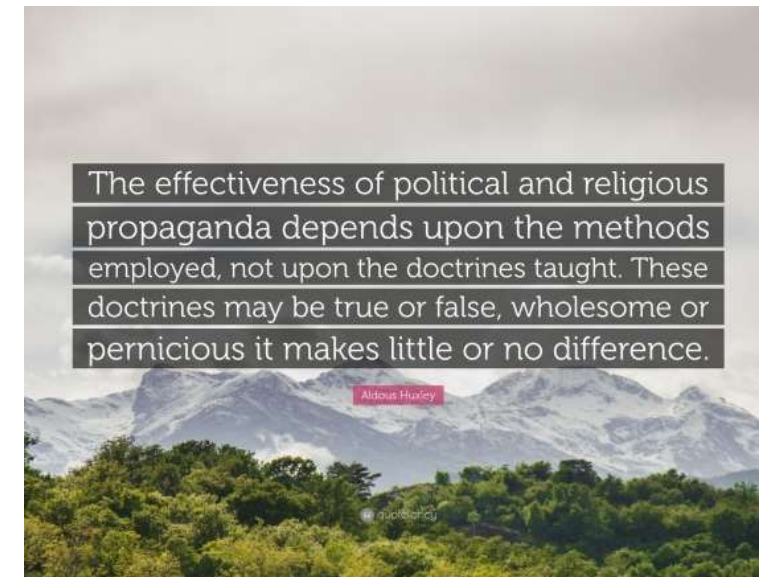
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The Morning Program



May 15, 2022