

People have so many hang-ups about how other people live their lives. People always want to keep you in a little box, or they need to label you and fix you in time and location.

~ Alice Walker

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Call to Community
We Come to This Time and This Place
by David C. Pohl*
- ♦ Candles of Community/Prelude
Interlude with Piano and Strings
- ♦ Lighting the Chalice
Connected through the web of Life
by Jennifer Gracen*
- ♦ 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
Hello, My Name Is ...
by Naomi King*
- ♦ Song - 23
Bring Many Names
Singers: First Unitarian Church of Baltimore
- ♦ Reading
The Power of Naming
by Susan Rako, MD
- ♦ Song - 131
Love Will Guide Us
Singers: First Unitarian Church Ann Arbor

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices
Meditation
Let Us Seek Quiet
by Bruce T. Marshall*
Time for Personal Reflections
Musical Response
Interlude
by FArCritical
- ♦ Reading
from *Who Counts as a Woman*
by Rob Hopkins

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ♦ Discourse
Transgender in Common Usage and Jurisprudence
by Rachel Tudor

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
- ♦ Song - 1015
I Know I Can
Singing: Lindi Wang, Star King UU Church
- ♦ Benediction
Take Courage
by Mark Belletini*
- ♦ 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
Thirty Seconds on the Piano
by Jasty

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading today’s morning assembly is Dr Rachel Tudor. The 10th Circuit ordered Dr. Tudor’s reinstatement as a tenured professor at Southeastern in the Fall of 2021 after a decade of litigation. She is the first tenured Native American professor in her department in its 125+ year history. Her undergraduate degree was developed by a collaboration between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the University of Houston emphasizing analytical future studies and environmental earth science. The curriculum provided a robust foundation in natural science to juxtapose with her master’s degree in Humanities with an emphasis in philosophy. She earned her PhD at the University of Oklahoma concentrating on literature.

Next Friday, June 3 - Jan’s Virtual Music Circle now meets with Community UU in Plano on the first Friday of each month. If you’re up for a short drive, the church is at 2875 E Parker Road, Plano. You can also join the circle via Zoom (Meeting ID: 957 9476 4786). Things start at 6 pm and conclude at 10 pm.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ♦ Board Rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ♦ Host: *Marion Hill*
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ♦ Worship Associate: *Thomas Garland*
- ♦ Leading today: *Dr. Rachel Tudor*
- ♦ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ♦ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

Continued on back panel

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 JUNE 5, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

My Favorite Universe

A video series from The Great Courses

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Love, The Final Frontier

Ashley Newlin, guest speaker

In 1966 Gene Roddenbery introduced the world to *Star Trek*, a series that continues to light up our imaginations almost 60 years later. I avoided watching the show for one reason: the word *Frontier*. Do we really need another TV show praising the evils of colonization, only in space? I recently gave the show a chance and realized that my assessment might have been wrong. So, I ask two questions. What if frontier was redefined? And how can the UU faith lead the way in navigating this frontier?

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our answer to the traditional 'coffee hour' - we gather in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms on the first floor.



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The Morning

Program

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*Respecting the interdependent
web of all existence
of which we are a part.*