

*The separation of church and state protects people
of all faiths and no faith.*

~ Bell Hooks

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Out of Our Yearning
by Susan Manker-Seale*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
*The Way Singers: Choir from UUU Church, Los Alamos**
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
A Community of Faith
by Judith L. Quarles*
- ◆ 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
On the Separation of Church and State
by Sandra Day O’Connor
- ◆ Song - 194
Faith is a Forest
- ◆ Reading
On Totalitarianism
by Gore Vidal

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices
Meditation
Meditation on Hope and Love in a Time of Struggle by
Alice Anacheke-Nasemann*

Time for Personal Reflections

Musical Response

There Is a Love

Words: Rebecca Parker* | Music: Elizabeth Norton

- ◆ Reading
A Theology of Liberation
by Gustavo Gutiérrez
- ◆ Song – 146
Soon The Day Will Arrive

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Fighting Theocracy
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
Lagrima by Francisco Tarrega | Guitarist: Alex Park
- ◆ Song - 346
Come Sing a Song with Me
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *The Jesus I Never Knew* 19
by Philip Yancey
- ◆ Benediction
Go In Peace, Seeking Justice
by Jim Magaw*
- ◆ 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
Solfeggietto in C Minor
music: CPE Bach | pianist: Tzvi Erez



PROGRAM NOTES

We welcome again the Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies, the Wimberly Professor of Social and Ecological Ethics, Director of the World House Institute for Social and Ecological Responsibility, and Executive Director of the Leadership, Education, and Development (LEaD) Hub North United States for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) 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 where he has served as Chair of the Board of Church and Society from 2015 to 2018.

Mark’s Ph.D. is from Boston University in the area of Social Ethics, and he has served Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH) as a member of its Dean’s Advisory Board and as the alumnus representative on BUSTH’s Green Team as part of the Green Seminary Initiative.

Mark is one of the inaugural members of the New Room Books Editorial Board. New Room Books is a reviewed academic monograph series that offers scholars from the Methodist tradition and their students a way to share their work.

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. www.humancommunity-network.org.

Hymnals are on the seats this morning for all who would like to sing along this morning. Hymn numbers are listed in the program.

The Board of Trustees meets next Sunday following the morning assembly. Board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. If you would like to address the board, please let Jim Holmes know so you can be added to the agenda.

Grayson PRIDE event was yesterday and the church had a booth along with a children’s clothing give away. Thanks to all who make it happen and who stopped by to say hi!

Continued on back panel

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

WELCOME VISITORS

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.



MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep this month: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *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*

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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 Calls Us On

The Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford, *guest minister (video message)*

Love Calls Us On: Our national narrative and our faith's story present us as both innocent and wise. The facts on the ground tell a more complicated story. What does faithfulness require when the wisdom of the past seems to be failing? What is love calling us to do in these divisive times when innocence is no longer an option? Read Bill's bio in the "This Sunday" listing of the church website's homepage.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

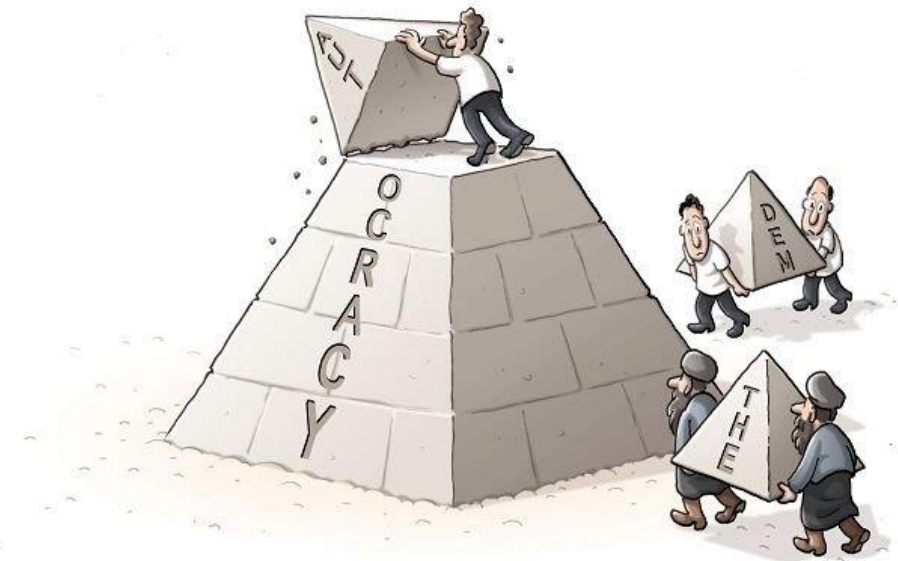
Our answer to the traditional 'coffee hour' - we gather in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms on the first floor.



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The Morning Program

Sunday, June 12, 2022



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