And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

~ Galatians 6:9

#### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- With hellos & "air" hugs
- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl

### GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Call to Community *The Holy Work of Showing Up* by Ashley Hiram\*
- Candles of Community/Prelude We Are Gathered Written and Sung by Amanda Udis
- Lighting the Chalice

from the writings of Mahatma Ganedhi

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.

Installation & Appreciation of Church Leaders

#### **Congregation's Response**

We the members of Red River Unitarian Universalist Church hereby install you, our elected leaders, as members of the board of trustees, the Committee on Ministry, and the Nominating Committee.

We challenge you to represent us to the best of your ability, to oversee the vast and diverse needs we have, to maintain financial stability, to guide and to urge us to keep liberal religion vital and alive.

We pledge to work with you, through committee involvement, by organizing special projects, by financially pledging to the church budget, and by participating in the wide array of programs, events and worship experiences our church offers.

We thank you for taking on the awesome and important tasks that We thank you for taking on the awesome and important tasks that you have ahead of you. We hope you know how much we appreciate your work.

#### Leader's Response

Mindful of the hours church leadership takes, we appreciate your supporting words and pledge to represent you to the best of our ability in our work as your elected leadership. It is assuring to know that we may call on you for your time, energy, and devotion as we all continue the wonderful work of our Community of Faith.

# EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

Opening Thought

 from Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict
 by Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan

Song

*Gather The Spirit* Singers: UU Society of Grafton & Upton, MA\*

• Reading from All the White Friends I Couldn't Keep by Andre Henry

# EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices

   Meditation
   The Place Where We Are Right
   by Yehuda Amichai
   Time for Personal Reflections
   Musical Response: Building Bridges
- Reading god is no noun by Glen Thomas Rideout\*
- Song

Count On Me by Bruno Mars | First Unitarian Brooklyn NY singers\*

### DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

Discourse
 Love Calls Us On
 by Bill Sinkford\*

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table Spirit of Life by Carolyn McDade\*

Song

Do You Hear the People Sing? Music: Claude-Michel Schönberg | English lyrics: Herbert Kretzmer

- Parting Thought *This Great Lesson* by Olympia Brown\*
- 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

*Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen | performing: Brooklyn Duo

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

# PROGRAM NOTES

You can read Bill Sinkford's bio on the screen or, if you missed it there, it is available on the church website and in last Wednesday's UPDATE.

**Leadership Photos** are today. Members of the Board, Committee on Ministry and Nominating Committee – please linger immediately following the morning assembly for photos.

**The Board of Trustees** meets today following the morning assembly.

**The deadline for the July newsletter** is next Saturday. Please strive to get your information in on time. Email your stuff to news @ redriveruu.org – *in plain text PLEASE*..

### 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.



# MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- Board Rep this month: *Jim Holmes*
- Host: Doug Strong
- Greeting us at the door: *Carol Powell*
- Leading today: The Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford (video message)
- AV Crew: Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes
- Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*

# NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY JUNE 26, 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

Fighting The Merchants of Death The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading* 

When there is money to be made, human health and safety often come second, and the environment usually comes third to profits. In many cases government agencies and corporations work closely together to keep it that way. What can be done to break this collusion between government and corporations that continues to put profits over people and the planet?

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 June 19, 2022



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