

Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself. ~ John Lewis

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
One Love
by Hope Johnson *
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
I Know This Rose Will Open
by Mary Grigolia* | singing: Hal Walker
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
A Vision for Unitarian Universalism in a Multi-cultural World
by UU Leadership Council*
- ◆ 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 *God’s Federal Republic*
by William Johnson Everett
- ◆ Song
Let The Life I Lead
music by Sullivan Pugh* | words by Matt Meyer*
singing: Christopher Watkins Lamb*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
Religion and Democracy: Interactions, Tensions, and Possibilities
by Robert Audi

- ◆ Practices
Meditation
What is Beloved Community
by Boundless Love Project
Sitting Together in Stillness
Musical Response
Spirit of Life
by Carolyn McDade* | singing: Christopher Watkins Lamb*
- ◆ Reading
Religion and Democracy: Interactions, Tensions, and Possibilities
by Robert Audi

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The Democracy of Beloved Community

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
- ◆ Song
The Fire of Commitment
by Jason Shelton* and Mary Katherin Morn*
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *Splendid Literarium: A Treasury of Stories, Aphorisms, Poems, and Essays*
by Aberjhani
- ◆ Sung Benediction
Shalom
Community Church of Chapel Hill, UU choir*
- ◆ 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.*

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

PROGRAM NOTES

Leading our morning assembly today is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read his bio on our mobile app and the church calendar on the homepage of our website: redriveruu.org

The aesthetics team is *still* in search of a sewer who would enjoy a sewing project that will require someone with experience in making curtains. Intrigued? Speak with Carol or Doug.



Minister Search Team second informal meeting to hear what you would like to see in a minister is today @ 1 pm in the chapel. The last two meetings will be on this Tuesday

and Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the chapel. These meetings are for everyone - members, friends, visitors - is encouraged to attend one of the remaining gatherings. Each of us, no doubt, has some thoughts about what we want to see in a minister. The more input the search team can get, the better.

On the Cover - Graphic of Beloved Community created by The Ethical Society of Riverdale, NY, text by bell hooks.

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.



MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan, David & Kelly Dyer, Michelle Haynes, Walter and Susie Norris*

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

Comparative Religion

A Great Courses Video Series now thru Oct. 9

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Two Trillion and Counting

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

What impact does the knowledge that there are likely more than 2 trillion galaxies in the universe have on our self-understanding and on our religious vision of ourselves within the cosmos?

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

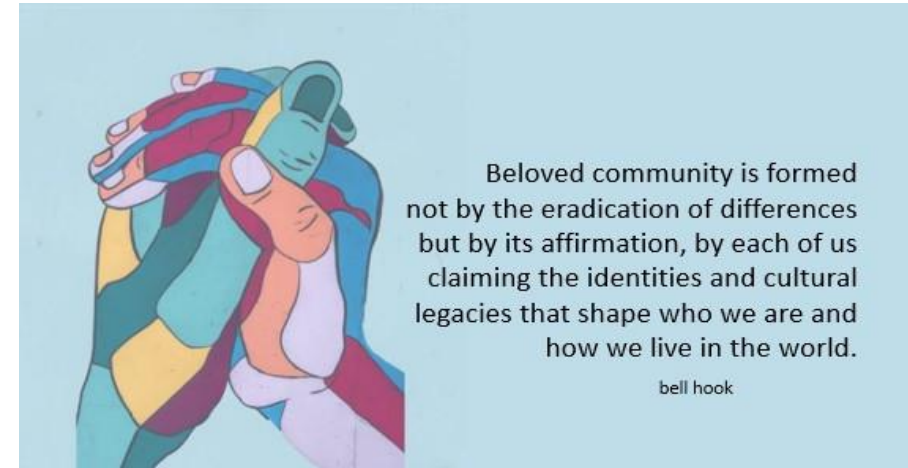
Good Times Team 1

Our answer to traditional coffee hour! Gathering in the Alexander and Emerson Rooms by the upper lobby we meet and greet and enjoy a variety of snacks. Join us, please, it is a nice way to meet one another.



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The Morning Program August 7, 2022



*We are a sanctuary for religious liberals
celebrating compassion, diversity,
and spiritual growth.*