

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.
~John Muir

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Call to Community
Being Human Means We Are of This Earth
by Sweet Teacup*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
In Time of Silver Rain
music: Audrey Snyder | words: Langston Hughes
performed by Hal Leonard Choral
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice
There Is Light
by Eric Williams*
- ◆ 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 *Walden*
by Henry David Thoreau*
- ◆ Song - 52
In Sweet Fields of Autumn
Quimper UU's, Port Townsend, WA

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading
from *Women Who Run With the Wolves*
by Clarissa Pinkola Estés

◆ Practices

Meditation

Into the Wilderness
by Sarah York*

Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

For the Earth Forever Turning
by Kim Oler | singing: Jess Huetteman

◆ Reading

from *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*
by Cheryl Strayed

◆ Song - 78

Color and Fragrance
By Norbert Capek | Vocals: Hannah Clark

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

◆ Discourse

Time in the Wilderness
by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

◆ Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table

◆ Song - 73

Chant for the Seasons
Words: Mark Belletini* | Music: Czech folk song

◆ Parting Thought

from *A Sand County Almanac*
by Aldo Leopold

◆ 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.*

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 in the upcoming services listing on our website.

Today is our Fall Congregational Meeting - which begins with a potluck lunch. Fret not, if you didn't know or forgot what it was you planned on bringing. We believe in a liberal take on the loaves and fishes - i.e. There will always be enough! So, join in the munching and chatting and then listening, discussing, voting, and going home full, happy and encouraged by what we do together as a liberal religious congregation.

We need a few good beings to help set up tables for lunch as well as placing 4-6 chairs around each table.

Chair Yoga class continues on Tuesday @ 10. Led by Marsha Runnels, you are invited, even encouraged, to give it a try. Newcomers welcomed.

The Minister Search Committee meets on Thursday @ 2 pm in the Alexander room and via Zoom (989 0789 7878).

The deadline for the November newsletter is next Saturday, Oct 22. Please email stuff to news@redriveruu.org.

What does it mean to be a U.S. Citizen? We are taught American History in school, but do we learn what it means? Join us as John West, Austin College Librarian Emeritus, offers experience and thoughts on the Responsibilities of Citizenship at the next session of the nonpartisan public service program Civics 101: How America Works Monday, Oct 24, from 5:30 - 7 pm at Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 901 N Grand Ave in Sherman. Tell a friend or bring a neighbor.

*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.



MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Marion Hill*
- ◆ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *Ellie Dyer*
- ◆ Providing lunch: All who brought a food dish for today's potluck lunch

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

COMPARATIVE RELIGION

A Great Courses Video Series now thru Jan 22

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

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

Sometimes our greatest growth as persons comes during times when we either intentionally or unintentionally find ourselves outside of our normal comfort zones. Sometimes we need to hear and experience things that make us uncomfortable so that we begin the hard work of questioning what we think we know in order to come to a better understanding of ourselves and others. Read Mark's bio on our website home page.

12:15 pm - Calories & Conversations

Good Times Team 3

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

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