

*The death of dogma is the birth of morality.*

~ Immanuel Kant

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Witnesses of the World*  
by Tania Yadira Márquez\*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude  
*May Nothing Evil Cross this Door*  
by Robert Quaile | performed by Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice  
*We Come Together Without Creed*  
by Maureen Killoran\*
- ◆ 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 *The Power of the Myth*  
by Joseph Cambell
- ◆ Song  
*Break Not The Circle*  
music: Thomas Benjamin | Singers: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, Baltimore DE

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
from *Rules for Radicals*  
by Saul Alinsky

## ◆ Practices

### Meditation

*A World of Beauty and Love Is Coming*  
by Elizabeth Bukey\*

### Quiet Sitting for a Moment

### Musical Response

*May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

music: Robert Quaile | performed by Bonnie Ettinger\*

## ◆ Reading

from *Epistemology: The Justification Of Belief*  
by David L. Wolfe

## ◆ Song - 300

*With Hearts and Mind*

music: Johann Hermann Schein | words: Alice S. Carpenter\* | Singers: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, Baltimore DE

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

## ◆ Discourse

*Beliefs and Values*

by Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

## ◆ Giving

*We Gather Together*

music *Adrian Valerius* | performed by Bonnie Ettinger\*

## ◆ Song - 354

*We Laugh, We Cry*

by Shelley Jackson Denham | Singers: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, Baltimore DE

## ◆ Parting Thought

from *God's Problem: How the Bible Fails to Answer Our Most Important Question - Why We Suffer*  
by Bart D. Ehrman

## ◆ 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

*As Tranquil Streams*

Music: Winchester New | Performed by Bonnie Ettinger\*

\*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 in the Upcoming Services listing on our website.

**The Adult Forum starts** *The Long Strange Trip – A Journey Through Two Thousand Years of Unitarian Universalist History* that will run through Apr 23. Read the details and weekly topics in the church calendar on our website.

**The Appreciation Dinner** will be on Feb 26 immediately following the Morning Program. Everyone is invited to enjoy a catered dinner while we take time to appreciate how successful our lay-led congregation is in creating and sustaining the only religiously liberal community in Texoma. The Bruce Cameron Distinguished Service Award will be given as well as opportunities for individuals to offer thanks and appreciation to people they wish to appreciate. It always is a joyous gathering.

**Tuesday's Events:** Chair Yoga -10 am |Spiritual Self-help Group/BookClub. Both events welcome newcomers.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: TBA
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Bruce Cameron*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Leading today: *the Rev Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team One*

## 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.*



## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

The Long Strange Trip –  
A Journey Through Two Thousand Years Of Unitarian  
Universalist History  
Now through April 23rd

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The BLUU Story  
Jana Norris, *leading*

February is Black History Month. Knowledge of one's history grounds one's journey, while dreams of the future share and direct it. However, it is only in the present that action can take place. But acting in the present is difficult when one is in a minority. For Black UU's, this has been a painful struggle. Eight years ago, an affinity group Black Lives UU—BLUU—was formed to create fellowship both on this journey and in taking action.

BLUU is committed to expanding the power and capacity of Black UUs within Unitarian Universalism by providing support, information and resources for Black Unitarian Universalists and justice-making liberation for Black people through our faith.

On Sunday, we hear in their voices the passion, the pain, and the determination the past has caused them, and we see their strength, power, and joy as they strive to create not just a future but a present out of their hopes and dreams.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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## THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, February 5, 2023



*Spiritually Active*

*Joyfully Inclusive*

*Committed to Justice*