

“The generation that destroys the environment is not the generation that pays the price. That is the problem.”

~ Wangari Maathai

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Come ye into this house of worship*  
by Elizabeth A. Parish\*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude  
*Only Love*  
by Jordan Smith
- ◆ Lighting the Chalice  
*A Spark of Hope*  
by Melanie Davis\*
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Stewardship Moment  
*Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Honoring a Special Request  
*from the TX UU Justice Ministry*
- ◆ Opening Thought  
Introduction to this morning’s peacemakers.
- ◆ Our First Peacemaker  
*Amanda Gorman*
- ◆ Practices  
Meditation  
*Holy and Creative Light*  
by Charles W. Grady\*

## Quiet Sitting for a Moment

### Musical Response

*Tis a Gift to be Simple* | music & lyrics by Elder  
Joseph Brackett | performed by: Sing & Rejoice

- ◆ Our Second Peacemaker  
*Malala Yousafzai*
- ◆ Song  
*Be the Change*  
words: attr. Gandhi | music: Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt  
Tamarac Elementary School Virtual Choir, Tamarac, FL
- ◆ Our Third Peacemaker  
*Amariyanna ‘Mari’ Copeny*

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*What We Say “Yes” To*  
by Erika Hewitt\*
- ◆ Song  
*Let There be Peace on Earth*  
words & music: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson | Singing: Rise  
Up Children’s Choir, Utah’s youth from 5-18
- ◆ Benediction  
*Go In Peace*  
by Sarah Lammert\*
- ◆ 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  
*Be Thou My Vision*  
music: Irish tune *Slane*

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Leading our morning assembly today** is Marla Loturco who also created today’s assembly

**Showing our support for the larger TX UU community:** This morning we have a request from the TX UU Justice Ministry (of which RedRiverUU is a founding member) asking us to belt out singing *This Little Light of Mine* – hymn 118 – as our AV team records us.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck** happens immediately following the morning assembly. Did you forget? Fret not, we firmly believe in Mathew’s story of the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. There will be enough for you as well. Do stay, the food is good, the conversations and fellowship even better!

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

**The last “Current Revolution” film series** meets Thursday at 5:30 – 6:30 in the chapel. Open to all.

**Red River Ramblings - The May Issue** will appear in your inbox tomorrow afternoon. It will have several links you are encouraged to tap/click on to learn more about some upcoming events in the larger UU universe.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Ask Me Host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Leading today: *Marla Loturco*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing Lunch: *Everyone who brought a dish to share for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Church potluck lunch.*

## 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, MAY 7, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

**The Long Strange Trip**  
*A Journey Through 2,000 Years Of Unitarian  
Universalist History*  
This series concludes next Sunday.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### Flower Communion

The Worship Team,  
*leading*



This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Flower Communion. Created by the Unitarian minister, the Reverend Norbert Čapek, for his congregation in Czechoslovakia, it was brought to the

United States in 1940 by his wife, the Reverend Maja Čapek, where it slowly began to spread among various Unitarian congregations.

Join the Worship Team as we explore in depth the history of this beautiful and uniquely Unitarian Universalist celebration, using both contemporary and historical sources, including the original words of blessing written by Norbert Čapek and one of his original hymns. **Please bring a flower or two with you on Sunday.**

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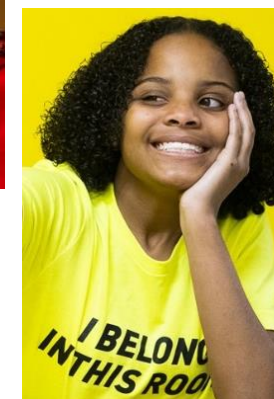
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## THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, April 30, 2023



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