

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*For The Beauty of the Earth*  
by Barbara Pescan\*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude (song 1067)  
*Mother Garden, Beloved Garden*  
by Amanda Udis-Kessler\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*A Womanist Lord's Prayer*  
by Yolanda Norton\*
- ◆ 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 – Jim Holmes
- ◆ Opening Thought  
*Here We Are*  
by Jana Norris
- ◆ Centering Ourselves Quietly
- ◆ Song - 51  
*Lady of the Seasons' Laughter*  
by Annie Patterson

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
from *Disruption / Recommitment*  
from *Patheos*, December 17, 2014  
by T. Thorn Coyle

- ◆ Practices  
Meditation  
by Jana Norris  
Quiet Sitting for a Time  
Musical Response
- ◆ Reading
  - ◆ from *The Holy Dwells in Dark Places: Using Creativity to Connect with Hope*  
by Suzi Banks Baum
  - ◆ Song - 175  
*We Celebrate the Web of Life*  
Singing: Community UU Congregation, White Plains NY

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Earth Day Is Over, Now What?*  
by Jana Norris

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*
- ◆ Song - 1051  
*We Are . . .*  
by Ysays M. Barnwell
- ◆ Parting Thought  
from *When the World Goes Mad*  
by John Roedel
- ◆ 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

*May the Circle be Open*  
Performed by Rowand Whitewolf

## PROGRAM NOTES

Leading our morning assembly today is Jana Norris. Jana Norris is a member of Red River UU Church. She earned her law degree from U of California Davis, practiced family law mostly in Dallas and Rockwall Counties, and retired to Grayson County, with a stint in Mid Coast Maine. She grew up Methodist, tried the Episcopal Church for a few years, then found a spiritual home in the California neopagan community. Since returning to Texas, she has found fellowship and delight in the UU Church. She serves on the Worship Team and was elected to the minister search committee in 2022.

Today: The Committee on Ministry will be available following the Morning Assembly for anyone who wishes to speak with them about concerns, hopes and suggestions of the various ministries our lay-led congregation oversees. Jim and Elbert will be lingering in the chapel.

Monday: Civics 101 - How America works presents Austin College professor Peter C. Schultz "*Obstacles to Environmental Progress: A US Perspective*" tomorrow, 5:45 to 7:00 PM. Grand Ave. Presbyterian church fellowship hall, 901 N. Grand Ave. Sherman. Parking available in back. Free.

Tuesday's Events: Chair Yoga - 10 am | Group/BookClub – 6:30 pm. Both events welcome newcomers

Thursday: The three-part short film series [Current Revolution](#) – *The Transformation Cannot be Stopped* continues with Episode II, 5:30 – 6:30 in the chapel. Check out the details on the church calendar (on the homepage of our website).

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Church Potluck remember to tarry following next Sunday's morning assembly for the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck. Bring a dish to share (no food theme, beyond what you wish to contribute). Leave food in the servery, 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, the App Store, or use the QR code on the back side of today's program.*

*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*



## MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Ask me host: *Doug Strong*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Martha Runnels*
- ◆ Leading today: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ Av crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 4*

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

10 am - Adult Forum

A New Topic Starts Today  
Details will be in this week's UPDATE

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### Amazing Young Peace Activists

*Marla Loturco, leading*

Many times, we think of people who have made a difference in the arena of peace as older and wiser. Today I want to challenge that perception by talking about three young women of color who have been making a difference despite their age, or maybe because of it.

These three women are:

Amanda Gorman (24),  
Malala Yousafzia (25), and  
Ameriyanna Copey (15).

Come join me for a refreshing and hopeful look young people are offering humankind.

12:15 pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday All Church Potluck Lunch

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

Sunday, April 23, 2023



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