

*I want us to save the creation--not just care about it,  
but to save it.*

~ Edward. O. Wilson

## Gathering our Community

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Co-regulation*  
by Elizabeth Mount\*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*All Animal Chalice*  
by Mark Causey\*
- ◆ 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 *Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of  
Creation* | by Bill Nye
- ◆ Song - 1073  
*The Earth Is Our Mother*  
Lindblom Concert Choir, singing

## Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Reading  
*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*  
Elizabeth Kolbert
- ◆ Practices  
Meditation  
*A Sand County Almanac with Essays on  
Conservation from Round River*  
by Aldo Leopold

## Meditation, continued

### Quiet Sitting for a Moment

### Musical Response

*Inspiration* by Jack Winn

- ◆ Reading  
from *One Planet, Two Crises: Tackling Climate  
Change and Biodiversity in the Fight for Our Future*  
by Katharine Hayhoe
- ◆ Song – 163  
*For the Earth Forever Turning*  
by Kim Older | singing: Michael Tacy\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Ecological Responsibility and the Global Biodiversity  
Crisis*  
by Mark Y.A. Davies

## Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*
- ◆ Song - 203  
*All Creatures of The Earth and Sky*  
performed by Michael Tacy\*
- ◆ Parting Thought  
from *Ecological Responsibility and the Global Biodiversity  
Crisis*  
by Edward O. Wilson
- ◆ 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

## Program Notes

**Joining us this morning** is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies. You can read his bio on the “This Sunday” listing on our church website and mobile app.

**The flowers in the chapel this morning** are from Joe Combs family, in loving memory of his life and with thanks to all who made the gathering of his life possible.

**After yesterday’s lunch** at Dragon Thai & Vegetarian restaurant, there was a lot of food unconsumed. Should you enjoy good Asian cuisine, please help yourself. One tray has seafood, all the rest have meat. Sorry, but the covers got mixed up, best not to count on the contents by what’s written on them. Only the soup is spicy. Take lots!

**On Tuesday** the Chair Yoga group meets in the chapel at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercises **and** the Spiritual Self Help Group/Book Club gathers at 6:30 pm. Newcomers are welcome.

**If you’d like** to update your gold name tag in favor of our new name tags, that have the church name as well as preferred pronouns, you can order one today from Amy Hoffman-Shehan. Cost is \$9.

**On the cover** “*Why Are We Not Astonished by What is Happening to Our World?*” from Full Spectrum Biology, a blog created by students in the courses Population Ecology and Biological Diversity at the University of Oregon.

## 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 mobile app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the Apps Store (or use the QR code on the back panel.)*

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



## Making Things Happen Today

- ◆ Board rep: *Don Rogers*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ 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 1*

## Next Sunday, June 11, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau  
and the Transcendentalist Movement

Now thru June 16

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly



“For the good of society ...

Adrian Hinman, *leading*

...transgenderism must be eradicated from public life entirely– the whole preposterous ideology, at every level”

These words were spoken in March of this year, highlighting a terrifying trend of increasing transphobia in the United States and abroad. Anti-LGBTQ bills in the US have more than doubled since last year. This isn't the first time the queer community has been under attack from its government, and it is vital to remember history in order to protect the futures of those who are threatened.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

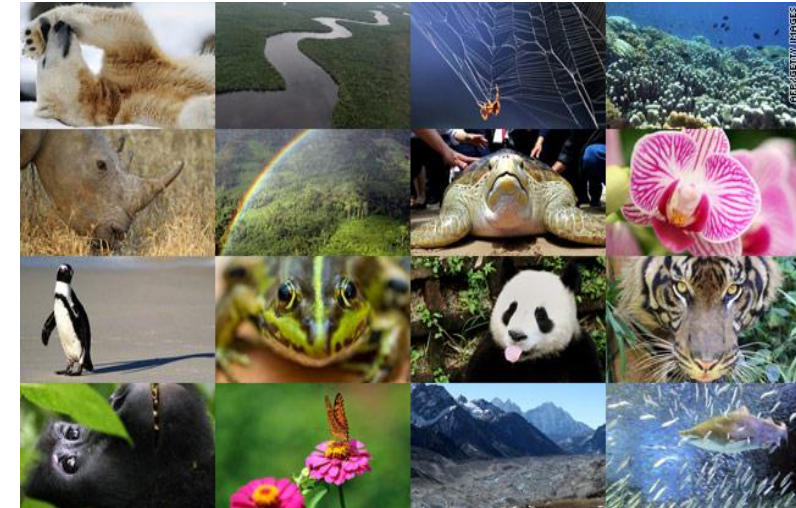
Good Times Team #2 will be providing refreshments.

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

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