Everything you can imagine is real.

~ Pablo Picasso

Gathering our Community

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community

The Bright Thread of Hope

by Gretchen Haley*

Candles of Community/Prelude

music: hymn 134

Our World is One World

Chalice Lighting

To Bear Love into This World

by Rachael Hayes*

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 Prophetic Imagination* by Walter Brueggeman

• Song - 1000

Morning Has Come

Reading

from The Radical Imagination: Social Movement Research in the Age of Austerity by Alex Khasnabish and Max Haiven

Embracing our Limitations

Practices

On Imagination and Being an Ally by Douglas Taylor*

Practices, continued

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response: hymn - 1031

Filled with Loving Kindness

Reading

from Martin & Malcom & America: A Dream

or A Nightmare

by James Cone

• Song - 301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Declaring our Possibilities

Discourse

An Alternative Imagination by Mark Y.M.Davies

Confirming our Faith

Giving

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table music: hymn 1010: We Give Thanks

Song

We Will Go In The World

Parting Thought

from *The Absorbent Mind* by Maria Montessori

• 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

song 311

Let It Be a Dance

*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalist authors.

Program Notes

We welcome, again, to our midst the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies who while being a minister in the Methodist tradition, has warm feelings for Unitarian Universalists which he celebrates whenever he is in our midst. You may read his impressive resume on the home page of our website.

Red River Ramblings - the July 2023 issue was sent to all 222 people who are on our eList yesterday. It is available in your email inbox and is always available on the church mobile app (tap July newsletter on the home screen) and available at redriveruu.org — located under the "Church Calendar" heading on our homepage.

NOT THIS Tuesday: the *Chair Yoga* group will not meet in the chapel at 10 am for an hour of low impact exercises <u>and</u> the *Spiritual Self Help Group/Book Club* shall **NOT** gather at 6:30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome, along with all you regular participants, will see one another next Tuesday, July 11.

GREETERS NEEDED: Would you like to be of service to the congregation in a pleasant, relatively easy job? Red River UU needs more people to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. The greeter smiles at attendees, tells them hello, and passes out the morning program. They also learns if the attendee is a first-time visitor, and if so, has them complete a visitor card and wear a name tag. For questions or to volunteer, contact Marion Hill, marionh3719@gmail.com or 1-580-924-7715.

Making Things Happen Today

♦ Board rep: David Dyer

Greeting us at the door:

• Guest Minister: 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

Program notes continues on back panel.

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.



Next Sunday, July 9, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement

Now thru October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs

Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, speaking (video message)

JOIN US for a worship experience we're sharing which took place one week ago at the UU General Assembly. Below you can read the Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti's essay about the path which led him to Unitarian Universalism. His discourse, from last week's Sunday GA's Morning Worship he calls "Ever Willing: Becoming the People Our World Needs.

You are encouraged to read an essay by our virtual minister on our website and church app, instantly available by selecting the READ MORE option under the details about next week's morning assembly.

12:15 pm – Conversations & CaloriesGood Times Team #1 will be providing refreshments.

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