

In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

. ~ George Orwell

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Wholeness
by Sharon Wylie*
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude – Hymn 188
Come, Come Whoever You Are
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
On Inherent Worth and Dignity
by Steve Stock*
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation
*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. On
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
Climate: A New Story
by Charles Eisenstein
- ◆ Song - 1017
We Are Building a New Way
- ◆ Reading
from *Personalism: A Critical Introduction*
by Rufus Burrow

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Practices
Great Unity Beyond all differences
by Andrew M Hill*

Practices, continued

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response - 123: *Spirit of Life*

- ◆ Reading
from *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the
Legendary Catholic Social Activist*
by Dorothy Day
- ◆ Song – 288
All Are Architects of Fate
performed by Sharon Matchett* & Anna Hamilton*
UU Congregation, Columbia, SC

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Holistic Personhood
by Mark Y.M.Davies

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
Music: *From You I Receive*
performed by Starr King UU Church, Hayward, CA
- ◆ Song -134
Our World is One World
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *The Wild and the Sacred*
by Thomas Berry
- ◆ 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
Hymn 323 - Break Not the Circle

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.

The New Worship Survey will be emailed to everyone next Sunday, August 13. Everyone is encouraged to complete this absolutely anonymous survey to give the worship team feedback on our Morning Assemblies. Printed copies will be available for those who wish to use them. Please return your survey by Sept. 10th.

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 always welcome.

On Thursday the August Moveable Feast will be a Dutch-treat lunch at Lovejoy's restaurant and soda fountain, 130 Main St. in Whitesboro at 1 pm. If you'd like to be part of the event, speak with Elbert or Marion Hill today.

The August issue of Red River Ramblings arrived in your inbox last Tuesday. If you are not on our mailing list and would enjoy receiving the newsletter along with the Wednesday UPDATE (given an overview of what's happening from Wednesday through the following Tuesday), send an email to news@redriveruu.org or send a message via the contact us on our website or mobile app.

Welcome Guest

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.



Who's Doing What This Morning

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Guest Minister: *the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes,*
- ◆ Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team 1*

Next Sunday, August 13, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement

now through October 22

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

It Is Not Just About Us

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

We as humans have a tendency to see the world around us from an anthropocentric (human-centered) perspective and to see ourselves as the primary locus of value and meaning. The result of this perspective has been the devaluing and mistreatment of the non-human world. How can we move from an anthropocentric to an ecocentric vision in which we see ourselves as members of the ecological community, working together for its preservation and flourishing?

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #2 will be providing refreshments.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023



SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
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