

*The way we see the world shapes the way we treat it.*

~ Wangari Maathai

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Come ye into this house of worship*  
by Elizabeth A Parish \*
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Peace Chant*  
performed at Camp Newfound with Matthew,  
Lizzie, & Rebecca
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*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

- ◆ Our First Peacemaker  
Nader Khalili – *A Voice for the Voiceless*
- ◆ Video  
*Sustainable Super Adobe Homes Built with Sandbags*  
by Innovation Nationl
- ◆ Selected Quotes
- ◆ Practices  
Meditation or Prayer  
*Experience Connection*  
Peter Morales\*  
Moment of Silence

- ◆ Musical Interlude  
*Transition* performed by Joshua Messick
- ◆ Our Second Peacemaker  
Wangari Maathai – *Planting Seeds of Peace*
- ◆ Song  
*Women Planting Trees*  
written and performed by David Roth
- ◆ Selected Quotes

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*We Make it Possible*  
By Jessica Lin\*  
Music: *One Minute Timer*
- ◆ Benediction  
*With What Benediction Shall I Leave You?*  
by Mark Mosher DeWolfe\*
- ◆ 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  
*We Would Be One*

\*Lifting up contributions from Unitarian Universalists

## PROGRAM NOTES

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

**Tuesdays at Red River UU** Kick start your morning by doing an hour of chair yoga – a low impact yet

beneficial for your joints and overall good feelings and conclude your Tuesday by pondering Spiritual Perspectives with others open to explore various paths to deepen one's understanding of spirituality.

**The newsletter deadline was yesterday** – if you forgot or have something else to submit, please send it today to news@redriveruu.org.

**Thanksgiving Dinner at Church** – For those who wish to join others at church again this year for a community Thanksgiving potluck dinner, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We'll gather at 2 pm.

**Curious about the stars?** The Adult Forum's new series *A Visual Guide to the Universe* will surely intrigue you because for the first time in human history, we can see the full splendor and mystery of the universe, thanks to instruments on scores of planetary probes and observatories that have been launched into space since the 1990s. Sunday mornings @ 10 – in the Alexander room.

## MAKING IT HAPPEN THIS MORNING:

- ◆ Board Rep: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Leading today: *Marla Loturco*
- ◆ AV Crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Sunday School Leader: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Providing Lunch: *Good Times Team #4*

## 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, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

### A Visual Guide to the Universe

Now through Nov. 26

From Saturn's rings to the heart of the Milky Way, and from colliding galaxies to cataclysmic gamma-ray bursts at the edges of visible space, some of the most spectacular sights in the cosmos are now as easy to see as the stars above.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

TBA

The Rev. Mark Y.A. Davies, leading  
Mark returns on Sunday. Check this week's UP-  
DATE for the details.

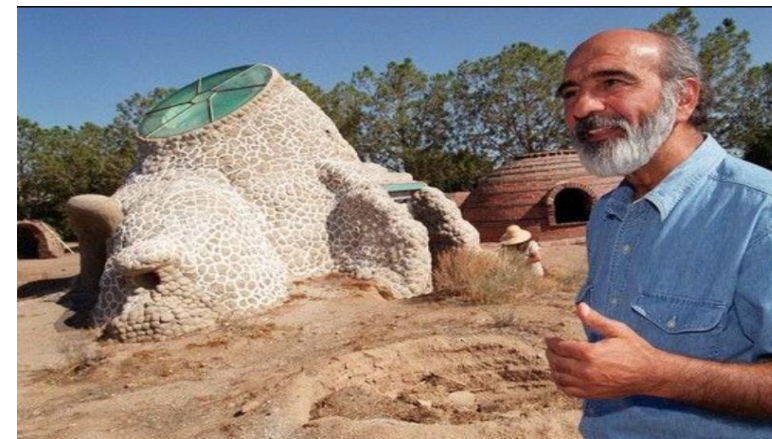
12:15 am – Conversations and Calories

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



Spiritually Alive  
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