

*Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice,
and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands
against love*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering our Community

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Committed to Respond
by Lynn Harrison*
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Purcell Ground
by Julian Lambert
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Love Can Transform the World
by Maureen Killoran*
- ◆ 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 *Jesus and the Disinherited*
by Howard Thurman
- ◆ Song - 6
Just as Long as I have Breath
Michael Tacy* singing

Embracing our Limitations

- ◆ Reading
from *Love and Power: A Theory and Practice of
Social Change*
by Adad Kahane
- ◆ Practices
Meditation

The Imprint of Love

by Laura Horton-Ludwig*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

Sunrise

Awalalabela Mountain, Bulipitiya, Sir Lanka

- ◆ Reading
from *Love, Power, and Justice*
by Paul Tillich
- ◆ Song – 325
Love Makes a Bridge
Les Tacy* singing

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The Power of Love for Justice
by Mark Y.A. Davies

Confirming our Faith

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.
Music: *Native American Flute Music*
- ◆ Song - 95
There is More Love Somewhere
performed by Brian Kenny, piano | Alena Hemingway, vocal
- ◆ Parting Thought
from *Of Justice and the Conscience*
by Theodore Parker*
- ◆ 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
Reprise *Purcell Ground*

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.

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.

The October newsletter will be arriving on Wednesday, so if you forgot your submission, please send it to newa@redriveruu.org NLT tomorrow evening. Thanx.

Did you forget about writing your annual report for the upcoming Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 22nd? IF so, get it to Marilyn ASAP (please!)

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22 following the morning assembly. All members are urged to attend as it is the foundation of “congregational polity”. The Packet of Documents for the meeting will be emailed to members on Monday, Oct. 9th and available on the church app and website. The meeting is open to all.

Making Things Happen Today

- ◆ Board rep: *Jin Holmes*
- ◆ 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*

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, October 8, 2023

10 am - Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau
and the Transcendentalist Movement

Now thru Oct. 22

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Principles and Article II

The Worship Team, leading

As a community, we Unitarian Universalists do not necessarily agree on belief issues like, is there a God? What is God like? How should God be worshiped? What we do agree on is our seven UUA principles, and now for our church the eighth principle. Ours is a constantly growing, learning, and deepening faith. Join us in learning about the new proposed Article II and its possibilities.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

Good Times Team #2 will be providing refreshments.

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The Morning Program

Sunday, October 1, 2023



Spiritually Alive
Radically Inclusive
Justice Centered