*There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul  
than the way in which it treats its children.*

*~ Nelson Mandela*

**Gathering our Community**

* Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
* Call to Community

*Welcome the Stranger*   
by Tracy Bleakney\*

* Candles of Community
* Chalice Lighting

*Searching for Justice and Hope*by Summer Albayati\*

* 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

*Being Sanctuary*

By Jo VonRue & Linette Lowe

* Song

*Shine Through Me*

written & performed by Michael Gott

**Embracing our Limitations**

* Reading

*And How Are the Children*by Patrick T. O’Neill\*

* Practices

A Musing

*Suppose*

by Stephen M. Shick\*\*

Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Response

*For All That Is Our Life*

* Song

*Lisen to the Children*

written & sung by Karen Drucker

Declaring our Possibilities

* Discourse

*C.A.S.A – and How Can You Help*  
by Maureen Kane Stevenson and Marla Shaver

Confirming our Faith

* Giving

*For the Gifts We Have Been Given*  
by Thomas *Rhodes* \*\* *Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*

* Song

*Seasons of Love ­*from the Broadway play *Rent*

written & sung by Jonathan Larson | sung by the cast

* Benediction

*These Hands Connect Us to One Another*by Amy Bowden Freedman\*\* & Keith Kron\*\*

* 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

\*a Unitarian Universalist  
\*\*a Unitarian Universalist minister

**Program Notes**

**We Welcome Today** Maureen Kane Stevenson and Marla Shaver, two devoted leaders with the local C.A.S.A. organization. You can read their bio’s on both the church website and our mobile app.

**Important Request for Today: Please do NOT move the chair you are sitting on until after we extinguish the chalice.**

**By Now,** you may have guessed we’re having a special luncheon. If you are visiting, you selected a wonderful day! Do stay and enjoy our Appreciation Luncheon. We always have enough grub for everyone!

**The Worship Team** meets Wednesday, via Zoom, @ 6:30 to plan upcoming morning assemblies.

**The Deadline** for the March newsletter was last night, please email your stuff to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) ASAP if you accidently forgot.

**Making Things Happen Today**

* Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
* Greeting us at the door: *Carolyn Cameron*
* Worship Associate*: Jan Fletcher*
* Guest speakers*: Maureen Kane Stevenson and Marla Shaver*
* AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don* *Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco*
* Sunday school leader: *David Dyer*
* Providing lunch: *The Gathered Congregation*

**Welcome Visitors**

*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 because all of who you are is welcome here.*

**Next Sunday, February 4, 2024**

10 am - Adult Forum

A Virtual Look at the Universe   
Now thru March 3

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Existentialism for Today

Elbert Hill, *speaking*

Many people have the idea that Existentialism is a philosophy of because newspeople and others in the media often say we are living in existential times, citing the political turmoil in our country and around the world.  They are only partly right.  All times are existential.  Today, Elbert Hill will emphasize the positive aspects.

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

**The**

**Morning Program**

**Sunday, February 25, 202**

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Listen **Humbly**

Grow **Spiritually**

Act **Courageously**

Love **Unapologetically**



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