

*Democracy is not just the right to vote,  
it is the right to live in dignity.*

~ Naomi Klein

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*In Our Circle Again*  
by Shari Woodbury\*\*
- ◆ Prelude/ Candles of Community  
*We Are Gathered*  
words: Amanda Udis-Kessler | Kelly Blackmail, singing
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*Persist in Faith*  
by Pat Uribe-Lichty\*\*
- ◆ 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 Essential Reinhold Niebuhr: Selected Essays  
and Addresses*  
by Reinhold Niebuhr
- ◆ Song - 1051  
*We Are*  
performed by Ysaye Barnwell

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Reading  
From *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a  
Candle in the Dark*  
by Carl Sagan\*

\*A UU author

\*\*A UU minister

- ◆ Practices  
*To Right the Wrongs of Our Kin,*  
by Leslie Takahashi\*\*
- ◆ Quiet Sitting for a Moment
- ◆ Musical Response

- ◆ Reading  
from *The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian  
Essays Justice Collective*  
by Wendell Berry
- ◆ Song  
*We Shall Be Known by the Company We Keep*  
performed by How We Thrive Virtual Choir

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Reflections on the Eight Principles - 5th Principle: The  
Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Pro-  
cess Within Our Congregations and in Society at Large*  
by Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*  
offertory: *We Gather Together*
- ◆ Song - 134  
*Our World is One World*  
Michael Tacy\* singing
- ◆ Closing Thought  
from *Speech before an extraordinary convention of the  
Social Democratic Party in Bonn, Germany, 6-14-87*  
by Willy Brandt
- ◆ 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

*One More Step*

The Community Church of Chapel Hill, NC choir

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Returning to us today is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies** who continues on his series *Reflections on the Eight Principles*. You can read Mark's bio on our website

**Chair Yoga** meets on Tuesday @ 10 am for an hour of low impact movements. Open to all.

**Spiritual Perspectives** meets Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm to explore various (The 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb) , you can email [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) requesting to have your email added to the list. Currently over 200 people receive church publications.

**The Annual Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on the last Sunday of February (the 25<sup>th</sup>), immediately following the morning assembly. It promises to be a joyful celebration of all who have been involved in keeping our congregation alive and involved. It is a 'bring your best' potluck offerings as together we appreciate one another, humbly and thankfully because Appreciation is the Love that Keeps Us Strong. Save the date. Think of who you appreciate and bring your enthusiasm to the table. Everyone – even you – are encouraged to come.

**Our Mobile App is Saved!** While the Board first agreed to cancel the app due to the cost, in the cancellation process we were offered a 50% discount for the net year so a revised vote confirmed the app remains.

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## 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 App Store (or use the QR code on the back panel.)*

*This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today.*

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ 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*

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

### **A Virtual Look at the Universe**

Now thru March 3

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### **Reflections on the Eight Principles - 6th Principle: *The Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All.***

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

How can humanity more fully see ourselves as part of a world community of persons of equal inherent worth and more effectively work together to address the global challenges we face and create a more peaceful, free, and just existence for all? Read Mark's bio [here](#)

12:15 pm – Conversations & Calories

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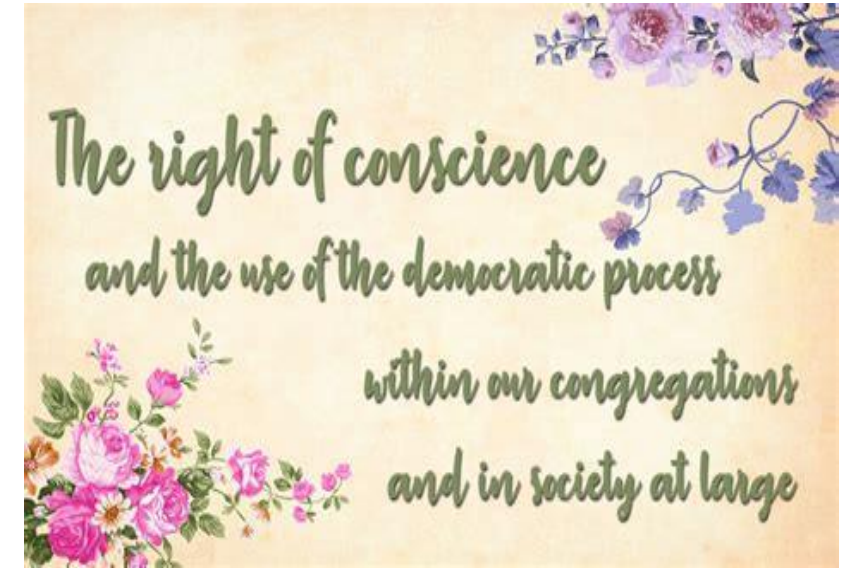
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# The Morning Program

Sunday, February 4, 2024



*Spiritually Alive  
Joyfully Inclusive  
Justice Centered*

