

*There is no question for which compassion is not the answer.*

~Judith Hanson Lasater \*

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*We Answer the Call of Love*  
by Julia Corbett-Hemeyer\*
- ◆ Candles of Community  
Prelude *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*  
performed by Unitarian Church of Las Alamos, NM\*
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*Within the Heart of the Flower*  
by Amy Zucker Morgenstern\*\*
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ Lighting the Peace Candle

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS

- ◆ Opening Thought  
*Travelers Upon the Earth*  
by Elizabeth M. Strong\*\*
- ◆ Song - 78  
*Color and Fragrance*  
performed by Hannah Clark

## HONORING OUR HERITAGE

- ◆ Reading  
*The Story of Norbert Čapek's Flower Ceremony*  
by Teresa Schwartz\*\* & David Schwartz\*\*
- ◆ Sharing & Singing  
*please bring your flowers forward while we sing*  
The Doxology of the Flowers  
by Lisa Doege | performed by Dan Althoff
- ◆ Practices – with words, stillness, music  
*The Colors of Communion*  
by Jennifer Pratt-Walter\*  
Quiet Sitting for a Moment  
Musical Response
- ◆ Reading  
from *We Go On Loving*  
by David Richo\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Compassion*  
Jack Bolerjack\*

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Generosity of Spirit*  
by Victoria Weinstein\*\*  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.*
- ◆ Song  
*Come Sing a Song With Me*  
Words and Music - Carolyn McDade\*
- ◆ Benediction  
*Flower Communion Blessing*  
by Thomas Rhodes\*\*
- ◆ 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

## PROGRAM NOTES

**This special morning assembly honoring Flower Communion** was created by the Worship Team who invited Jack B. to deliver the discourse.

**On the cover:** Flower Communion at the Downtown Unitarian Parish in Cluj the historical capital of Transylvania, now Romania. Taken March 24, 2024

**The hard truth** about fund raising is struggling what to delete in order to have enuf \$\$ to pay bills while the best results are encouraging all, even if you've pledged, to add a bit more. Another few bucks a week makes a huge difference.

**It happens this week:**

- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous\* - Monday 6 -7 pm
- ◆ Spiritual Practices - Tuesday - 6:30-8 pm.
- ◆ Earth Day Set up - Friday - 8-until finished
- ◆ Earth Day - Saturday - 9-4 Municipal Park, Sherman  
\*Outside group using our building

## MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- ◆ Board rep for April: *Jim Holmes*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- ◆ Leading today: *Marla Loturco & Jack Bolerjack*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes,*
- ◆ Sunday school leader:
- ◆ Providing refreshments: *Good Times Team #2*

\*a Unitarian Universalist

\*\*a Unitarian Universalist Minister

## 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 below.) This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today because all of who you are is welcome here.*

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

### Power Sunday

The Worship Team, leading

*The premise of this morning assembly is that democracy is being threatened, but we are not powerless; we all have meaningful ways to save our democratic system. One way is to commit to being an active part of civil society, which means committing to our institutions, starting here at RedRiverUU and by joining the UU UUSJ, which is the only national UU organization lobbying for our values on the Hill. We hope people will leave worship on Sunday feeling empowered, connected, and hopeful about what's next for our collective work and our nation.*

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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## THE MORNING PROGRAM SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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