This may well be [hu]mankind's last chance to choose between chaos or community.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

## cathering our community

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community

The Sacred Hour

by Chris Rothbauer\*\*

Candles of Community

Prelude Frozen in Love by Aakash Gandhi

Chalice Lighting

Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times by Lisa Doege\*\*

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

from Saving Us
by Katharine Hayhoe\*

• Song - 1014

Answering the Call of Love performed by Michael Tacy\*

## EMBracing our Limitations

Reading

from The beloved community of M. L. King by Grace Lee Boggs

Practices – with words, stillness, music

Meditation for Challenging Times, by Joan Javier-Duval\*\* Quiet Sitting for a Moment Musical Response

Reading

from *Under the Sky We Make* by Kimberly Nicholas

• Song - 97

Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child performed by Michael Tacy\*

# Declaring our possibilities

Discourse

Beloved Community in the Midst of Chaos by Mark Y.A. Davies

## confirming our faith

Giving

Interlude by Glendon Gross

Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table.

• Song - 1028

The Fire of Commitment performed by 1st Unitarian church of Baltimore

 Stewardship Moment by Marilyn Alexander

Closing Thought

from In Tough times, Our Community Becomes
Our Safety Net by Quint Studer

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

Arrival of the Queen of Shea by G.F. Handel performed by Lucie Horsch & Charlotte Barbour-Condini

\*a Unitarian Universalist

\*\*a Unitarian Universalist Minister

## Program Notes

**Leading today's morning assembly** is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who shares his prophetic perspectives with us twice a month. You may read his bio on our mobile app or church website.

**Pledge for Progress:** Our annual campaign concludes next Sunday. All UU churches are financially supported locally. Pledge cards are on the ledge in the foyer.

**Lighting the Peace Candle** begins this morning, as outlined in the April newsletter.

#### Happening this week:

- Overeaters Anonymous\* Monday 6 7 pm
- Spiritual Practices Tuesday 6:30-8 pm
- Earth Day Planners Thursday 6-7 pm
- \*Outside group using our building

## Making Things Happen Today

- Board rep for April: Jim Holmes
- Greeting us at the door: Liz Rapp
- Leading today: the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies
- ♦ AV crew: Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes, Marla Loturco
- Sunday school leader: Jack Bolerjack
- Providing refreshments: Good Times Team #2

## 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 14, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am — The Morning Assembly TBA

the Rev Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, leading

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

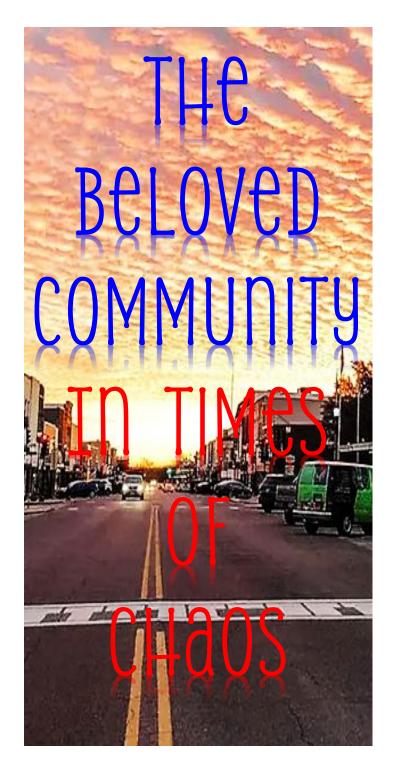
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