

*I wanted to marry her when I saw the moonlight shining
on the barrel of her father's shotgun.*

~ Ali Hakim
from *Oklahoma* by Rodgers & Hammerstein

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
from *Invitation to Join the Journey* by Lyn Cox, e
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Come, Come Whoever You Are sung by This is Lea
- ◆ Honoring Mother's Day
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
A Womanist Lord's Prayer
by Yolanda Norton*
- ◆ 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 UNDERSTANDING

- ◆ Opening Thought
by Jana Norris*
- ◆ Song - 1014
Side With Love
performed by Alena Hemingway & Brian Kenny
- ◆ Reading
from *Why Is Musical Theater Important* (adapted)
by Issac Herron

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices – with words, stillness, music
Meditation
by Jana Norris*
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
- ◆ Song - 1053
from *How Could Anyone*
performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Introducing our guest speakers
- ◆ Discourse
*A Transgender Student gets a Lead Role. The
District Shouts No!*
Amy and Phillip Hightower

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
- ◆ Closing Song
Let It Be a Dance - 311
performed by Dan Althoff*
- ◆ Parting Thought
When the World Goes Mad
by John Roedel
- ◆ 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 - please remain seated
Oklahoma
by Rogers & Hammerstein, Hugh Jackman *singing*

*a Unitarian Universalist

**a Unitarian Universalist Minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Delivering today's discourse are Phillip and Amy Hightower parents of Max who the Sherman School Board refused - initially - to allow him to play a male role in a play.

Next Sunday is the Spring Congregational Meeting a potluck lunch, immediately following the morning assembly. Everyone is encouraged to attend (newcomers and visitors as well) since it is the place and time where all major decisions regarding our church are made.

Images viewed today- were taken by Shafkat Anowar a staff photographer with the Dallas Morning News.

Happenings this week:

- ◆ LGBTQIA+ monthly meeting - Today 1-2:30 pm
- ◆ Spiritual Perspectives - Tuesday 6:30-8 pm

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for May: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Liz Rapp*
- ◆ Worship Associate: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ Guest speakers: *Amy & Phillip Hightower*
- ◆ 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 have different beliefs, but shared values.

We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may 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, MAY 19, 2024

THE SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS TODAY

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 - Potluck Lunch followed by the
Spring Congregational Meeting**

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024



Our rendition of the playbill, since we couldn't get one.



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