

*Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind
even if your voice shakes. ~ Maggie Kuhn*

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
from *Committed to Respond* - by Lynn Harrison**
- ◆ Candles of Community/Prelude
Just as Long as I Have Breath
singing: UU Society of Grafton & Upton, MA
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ Lighting the Peace Candle

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ◆ Opening Thought
Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation
by John Lewis
- ◆ Song - 170
We Are a Gentle Angry People
performed by UU Church of Utica, NY
- ◆ Reading
from *The Dance of Fear: Rising Above Anxiety, Fear,
and Shame to Be Your Best and Bravest Self*
by Harriet Lerner

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music
Crying Out for Justice by Dorothy Day
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Response
- ◆ Reading
Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?
Michael J. Sandel
- ◆ Song - 325
Love Makes a Bridge
performed by Jennifer McMillan

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Speaking Up When It Isn't Easy
The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
- ◆ Closing Song - 149
Lift Every Voice and Sing
video produced by Joe Cool
- ◆ Parting Thought
If You Are Neutral...
Attributed to Desmond Tutu, prior to 1986
- ◆ 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

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PROGRAM NOTES

Returning this Sunday is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who ventures from Oklahoma City to be with us twice monthly. You may read his bio on the church website and mobile app. In June, Mark will lead the morning assemblies on June 9th & 30th.

Deadline for the June issue of *Red River Ramblings* was last night. If you missed it, your cushion of opportunity expires on Wednesday evening. Send your submissions to news @ redriveruu.org in plain text *por favor!*

Conversations sans Calories! WHAT? Our good times teams are becoming weary, several have decided to retire and currently a couple others will be away for two months. If you have never been on a team to bring refreshments one Sunday a month this would be a perfect time to take your turn and volunteer. Please speak with Marilyn for details.

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for May: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Guest minister: *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 4*

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, JUNE 2, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Field Guide to North American Wildlife

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

The Worth of Dignity

Byron Allison Miller, *guest speaker*

Have you ever said, *you're worth it!* or *I'm worth it!* or *you better believe it!?* While such affirmations come with a past and a present, their deeper reality is that they are most significantly something else. They are a *Prelude*. It is their future that carries the most weight. What did Captain Jean Luc Picard always say? "Make it so!"

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024



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