

*Love is the motive; justice is the instrument.*

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
from *It Is Not Always Easy to Find Love at the Center*  
by Esther Hurlburt
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Ancient Stones*  
music by Jeremy Soule | performed by Evan Danforth
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*We light our flaming chalice*  
by Elizabeth M McMaster\*\*
- ◆ 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  
from *Collected Works*  
by Mahatma Gandhi
- ◆ Song - 300  
*With Heart and Mind*
- ◆ Reading  
from *All About Love: New Visions*  
by bell hooks

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music  
*Changed and Held in Love*  
by Melissa Jeter  
Quiet Sitting for a Moment  
Musical Response - *Dark of Winter*
- ◆ Reading  
*Pursuing Justice: The Call to Live and Die for Bigger Things*  
by Ken Wytmsa
- ◆ Song - 292  
*If I can Stop One Heart from Breaking*  
UU Music and Video Exchange

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse  
*Being Loving and Just in an Unloving and Unjust Society*  
The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table*  
music: *Offertory* by John Ness Beck | performed by Joel Silorio
- ◆ Closing Song - 299  
*Make Channels for the Streams of Love*  
performed by Michael Tacy\*
- ◆ Parting Thought  
from *The King Center social media*  
by Bernice King  
**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  
*Quodlibette*  
music by Lennon & McCartney | performed by Joshua Rifkin

## PROGRAM NOTES

**We welcome today** 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.

**We're using the GREY hymnal today**, pick one up at the AV desk (and return it also.)

## WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for July: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ 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 lunch: *Good Times Team #1*

## 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.*

\*a Unitarian Universalist

\*\*a Unitarian Universalist Minister

*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 distinct 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, JULY 14, 2024**

10 am - Adult Forum

**The Inexplicable Universe: Unsolved Mysteries**  
now thru July 14th

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

**Education for Beloved Community**

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

We often focus on education as preparation for a job or for a career, but if that is all education is about, we lose the opportunity for education to not only help us be employed, but to also help us more fully and responsibly participate in the work of making beloved community a reality in our world.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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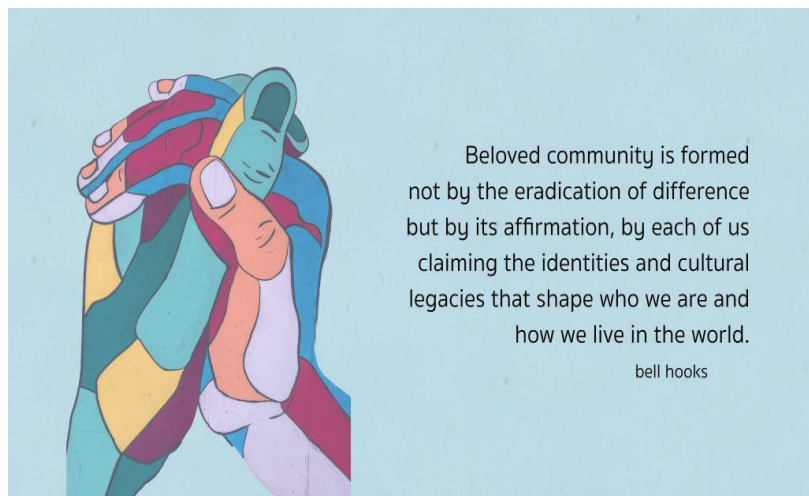
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# The Morning Program

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024



Beloved community is formed not by the eradication of difference but by its affirmation, by each of us claiming the identities and cultural legacies that shape who we are and how we live in the world.

bell hooks



**SPIRITUALLY ALIVE**  
**JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE**  
**JUSTICE CENTERED**