

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 are Known in Community
by Leslie Takahashi
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community/Giving
Bright Morning Stars are Rising
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Opening to the Light
by SaraRuth Davis**
- ◆ 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 *We Come Together Without Creed*
by Maureen Killoran, *adapted***
- ◆ Song - 151
I Wish I Knew How
- ◆ Reading
Let There Be Peace
by Mariela Pérez-Simons**Thich Nhat Nanh
- ◆ Song - 505
Tis a Gift to be Simple

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music
Show Compassion for Yourself
by Pragito Dove
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Interlude *Minuet in G* by J.S. Bach

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Invisible Bricks
by Marla Loturco

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
This Place, These People
by Paul Dalzell
Those who wish may bring their gifts to the table
music: *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel
- ◆ Song - 301
Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky
- ◆ Closing Thought
Words by A.I.
- ◆ 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 - song 175
We Celebrate the Web of Life

PROGRAM NOTES

We welcome to the free pulpit this morning our own Marla Loturco who, along with Jana Norris, recently completed a UUUA course “The Shared Pulpit” in which each student was required to prepare and present a Sunday morning assembly - including the discourse. Marla shares hers this morning. Jana will lead next Sunday’s morning assembly to share hers.

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

Post Card Party! Need volunteers to help write scripted postcards for Denton and Collin Counties for a nonpartisan Reclaim Our Vote project for the Center for Common Ground. Come to church next Saturday from noon - 3 pm to write scripted postcards, sort sets for ‘take home’ volunteers, and bring donations for supplies/stamps. We’re doing our Post Card Party during the church’s UU Clothing Swap. This Social Justice effort goal: to reach two address lists of 250 per county. The more volunteers, the faster it goes! Contact Jan Fletcher to volunteer. It’s a great project.

Please note: We won’t have Conversations & Calories on Aug 18 and 24.

WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for August: Carole Harner
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- ◆ Leading today: *Marla Loturco*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Don Rogers, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ 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

*a Unitarian Universalist

**a Unitarian Universalist Minister

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, AUGUST 18, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Long Strange Trip: A Journey Through Two Hundred Years of Unitarian Universalist History

The Rev. Dr. Phillip Hewett, minister emeritus of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver calls Long Strange Trip "lively and engaging," adding, "Although almost entirely an illustrated monologue, it never grows tedious. Such a resource is particularly valuable in a UU movement so dependent upon an influx of newcomers with no previous knowledge of its past."

11:15 am – The Morning Assembly

Glimmers of Grace

Jana Norris, *leading*

Recently both Jana and Marla completed a UUA course "The Shared Pulpit" in which each student was required to prepare and present a Sunday morning assembly - including the discourse. Marla shared hers last week. Jana will lead today's morning assembly to share her discourse. Of her remarks Jana writes: We've always heard about the grace of God. But what about non-Christians, atheists, and the just not sure? Do we get grace?

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024



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