

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage..

Lao Tzu

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Witnesses of the World
by Tania Y Márquez
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Comfort Me
by Mimi Bornstein
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Bold and Courageous Together
by Erika Hewitt**
- ◆ 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 truth in freedom and to help one another.*
- ◆ Lighting the Peace Candle

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ◆ Opening Thought
from *2008 Commencement Address at
Cornell University* by Maya Angelou
- ◆ Song - 119
Once to Every Soul and Nation
- ◆ Reading
from *Nicomachean Ethics*
by Aristotle

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music
Meditation on Courage and Vulnerability
by Douglas Taylor**
Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical Interlude: *Dark of Winter*
by Shelley Jackson Denham*
- ◆ Reading
from *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train: A Personal History*
by Howard Zinn
- ◆ Song - 86
Blessed Spirits of My Life

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Take Courage
by Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
- ◆ Song - 1028
The Fire of Commitment
- ◆ Closing Thought
from *Long Walk to Freedom*
by Nelson Mandela
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice
*We extinguish these flames 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
Viva la Vida by Coldplay, performed by Art
Strings

*a Unitarian Universalist

** a Unitarian Universalist minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Our guest minister today is the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, who joins us twice monthly. Mark is a United Methodist minister who enjoys a strong connection with Unitarian Universalism, as his parents helped to co-found a local UU church in Oklahoma.

Thanksgiving dinner at church and everyone who would like to attend is warmly invited to sign up on the poster in the foyer. Bring a dish, of your choice, to share.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ Board rep for November:
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Paula Jennings*
- ◆ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes*
- ◆ RE leader: *Jack Bolerjack*

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 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 NOVEMBER 24, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Letting Go of God

Letting Go of God is a humorous monologue by Julia Sweeney chronicling her search for God. Thru November.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

The Original Code Talkers

Adam Brian Salazar, guest speaker

Choctaw men in WW1 transmitted messages and devised a system of communication. Within twenty-four hours after these telephone warriors began their work, the tide of the battle had turned.

About our guest speaker: *My name is Adam Brian Salazar. I am the Community Liaison for the Historic Preservation Department at Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I have been with the Nation for over 2 years. I am friendly, helpful, polite, and have a good sense of humor. I am also a dedicated father to two beautiful children.*

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our gift to the traditional coffee hour. A time for fresh, tasty and often homemade munchies and friendly and interesting conversations. Nice way to meet one another.

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The Morning Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024



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JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED**