

Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence
of all things. ~ Thomas Merton

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
As surely as we belong to the universe
by Margaret A Keip**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Hope
Written & Performed by Oak Studios
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
The Chalice Lit Among Us is a Beacon
by Debra Faulk**
- ◆ 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 *The Art of Living*
by Thich Nhat Hanh
- ◆ Song - 175
We Celebrate the Web of Life
Performed by Community UU Church, White Plains, NY
- ◆ Reading
from *No Future Without Forgiveness*
by Desmond Tutu

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
Words: *All Our Relations*
by Gary Kowalski**
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical: *Voice Still and Small*
by John Corrado**
- ◆ Reading
from *First Nations and the Future of the Earth*
by Rebecca Adamson
- ◆ Song - 134
Our World is One World
performed by Michael Tacy* with choir

*a Unitarian Universalist

** a Unitarian Universalist minister

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Reflections on Our Shared Values: Interdependence
by Mark Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl
Offertory: *Lief* Written & Performed by Oak Studios
- ◆ Song - 1064
Blue Boat Home
Performed by Paul Thompson & UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow, ID
- ◆ Benediction
May the love that gives to life its beauty
by George G Brooks
- ◆ 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
King of the Fairies
music: Trad. Irish | Written & Performed by Oak Studios

PROGRAM NOTES

Our ongoing visiting minister the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies begins today the first in a series of discourses on the recently adopted Shared Values of the UUA.

Spiritual Perspectives returns on Tuesday, 6:30 – 8 pm to explore Karen Armstrong's book *Sacred Nature, Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World*. Newcomers warmly invited to join the conversation.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ December board representative: *David Dyer*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris*
- ◆ Guest minister: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Liz Rapp*
- ◆ RE leader: *Jack Bolerjack*
- ◆ Caring Circle: *Susie Norris, Paula Jennings, David Dyer*

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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 be 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, DECEMBER 8, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum
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11:15 am - The Morning Assembly
This I Believe:

Five Members Share their Credo:

**Dan Althoff, Elbert Hill, Marla Loturco, Jana Norris,
and Doug Strong**

We all have a foundation upon which we build our religious philosophy. It is nestled deep in our soul rather than printed in any brochure and hungers to be shared. It comes from the depth of our own thought and heart. It is the core of our individual spiritual path. Credo literally means, "Believe". Astute credos marry the gifts of both intellect and spirit. Credos spur presenters to select highlights from their religious odyssey, highlight in those affirmations that sustain them the happy and hard days and nights of life.

During the morning assembly, we will recognize Merrilee Alexander Kick for her exceptional donation to our church for asbestos mitigation, roof repair, Bluetooth keyboard, and excessive renovation of the kitchen.

12:15 pm - A Special Sunday Gathering Honoring Merrilee Alexander Kick, and everyone is warmly invited to stay for lunch.

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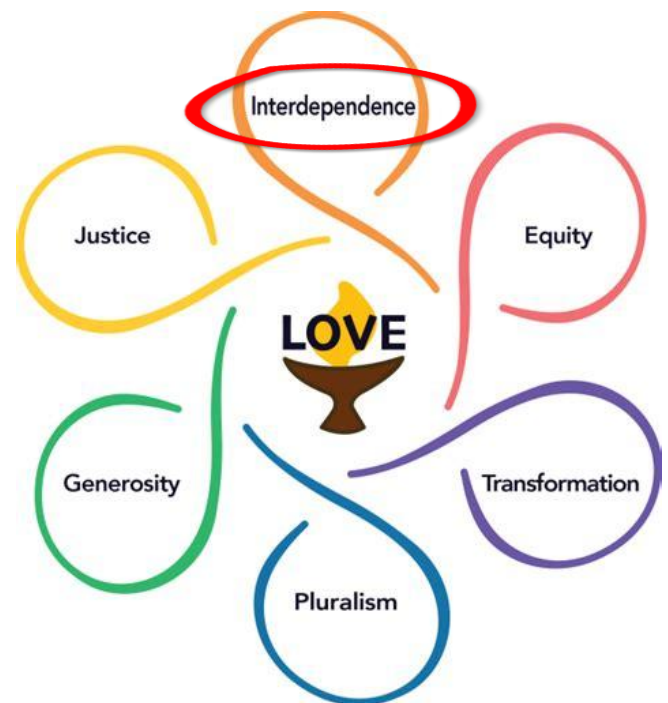


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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Our Shared Values



WE ARE . . .



**SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED**