A lot of folks say that Unitarians have no beliefs. That is not true. Unitarians have very strong beliefs. It is just that what those beliefs are depends upon what book they last read.

~ Garrison Keillor

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community

All Growing, All Learning, All Loved. by Rachael Hayes

Prelude/Candles of Community

Air on the G String

by J.S. Bach | performed by Janes Pinder

Chalice Lighting

Drawn Together
by Jennifer Gracen**

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 It's Not What You Believe, But How by Gary Kowalski**

• Song - 40

The Morning Hangs a Signal performed by Frank Toppa, UU Meeting House in Chatham MA

Reading

The Deep Unity of the Human Family excerpt from Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism by Kendyl L. R. Gibbons** and William R. Murry**

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

Practices - with words, stillness, music

Words: It Matters What We Believe

by Sophia Lyon Fahs

Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment

Musical Interlude - 184

Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves

Performed by Starr King UU Church, Hayward CA

Reading

from What is your personal credo? by Carol Wimmer

Song – 1058

Be Ours a Religion
performed by 1st Unitarian church of Baltimore, MD

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

Discourse

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

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

Giving

The Offering as Pastoral Ministry
by Victoria Weinstein**
Offertory: Return Again Performed by Alena Hemingway

• Song - 1057

Go Lifted Up
performed by 1st Unitarian church, Baltimore, MD

Closing Thought

Cherish Your Doubts.
by Robert T Weston**

Benediction

We All Have Two Religions. by William E. Gardner**

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

Hornpipe, from the Old Bachelor by Henry Purcell, Performed by Relic

*a Unitarian Universalist

** a Unitarian Universalist minister

PROGRAM NOTES

RedRiverUU Rainbow Team meets today from 1-2 pm, followed by **Board Games.**

Tis our turn to provide supper for the Texoma Family Shelter next Saturday, Dec 14th. We could use a few more volunteers to help. Speak to Paula Jennings for more info. Also, our neighbor has a list of needs for their facility and families. Feel free to see if there are needs you can meet. Details are on the foyer bulletin board.

Framily Holiday is next Saturday. A gathering of friends and family to eat, drink and be merry! We'll be having a Holiday Sweater contest (of course!) with some great prizes! Read more on the church's website calendar.

Spiritual Perspectives returns on Jan 7 to explore the writing of Karen Armstrong. Read full details on the church website's events calendar.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- December board representative: David Dyer
- ♦ Greeting us at the door: Sherilyn Bolerjack
- ♦ Worship Associate: Megan Hutchinson
- AV crew: Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Liz Rapp
- ♦ RE leader: Jack Bolerjack
- ♦ Caring Circle: David Dyer, Paula Jennings, Susie Norris

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 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.

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 differing perspectives.

This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today because all of who you are is welcome here.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECENBER 15, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

Religulous!

Bill Maher interviews some of religion's oddest adherents. Now through the rest of December.

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Our Shared Values: "Pluralism".

The Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies, leading

The second value Mark will focus on as he continues a series of discourses on our recently adopted Shared Values.

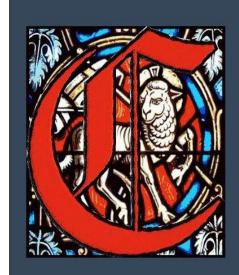
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