

*We adapt to the changing world.*

~ from the UU Shared Values

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Thresholds*  
by Arlen Goff
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Bliss*  
by Oak Studios
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*Love Can Transform the World*  
by Maureen Killoran\*\*
- ◆ 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  
*Transformation*  
from The UU Shared Values
- ◆ Song - 347  
*Gather the Spirit*  
performed by Michael Tacy\*
- ◆ Reading  
from *Writing Beyond Race: Living Theory  
and Practice*  
by Bell Hooks

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music  
Words: *Humanity's Psalm*  
by Cynthia Frado \*\*  
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment  
Musical: *1 Minute of Instrumental Music*  
by Mollagio
- ◆ Reading  
from *Transformation and Healing*  
by Thich Nhat Hanh
- ◆ Song - 187  
*It Sounds Along the Ages*  
Unitarian Universalists of San Luis Obispo, CA

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

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

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl*  
Offertory: *Hope*  
by Oak Studio
- ◆ Song - 1040  
*Answering the Call of Love*  
Performed by Paul Thompson & UU Church of the  
Palouse, Moscow, ID
- ◆ Benediction  
*May You Be Changed*  
by Emily Richards\*
- ◆ 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  
*You've Got to Hide Your Love Away* written: John Len-  
non and Paul McCartney, Performed: Joshua Rifkin & Or-  
chestra

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## PROGRAM NOTES

**Our ongoing visiting minister** the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Dav-  
ies continues in a series of discourses on the recently adopted Shared  
Values of the UUA. Read his bio on our website under

**The Rainbow team** meets today 1-2 pm

**Board Games** today for all who enjoy playing 2-5 pm

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ January board representative:
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- ◆ 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*

## 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 App 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, JANUARY 19, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum  
tba

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### **A Ritual of Letting Go, Cleansing, Intention, and Hope.**

**The Worship Team, leading**

*Today's morning assembly is about letting go, metaphoric cleansing and quenching of thirst, setting of intentions, self-anointing, healing, new beginnings, and possibilities. It is a service of words, music, and the ritual of the burning bowl. At each stop around the circle of flame, water, oil, and light, each one of you becomes your own healer, priest/priestess, minister, teacher. It is your circle of release, cleansing, intention, and hope to walk.*

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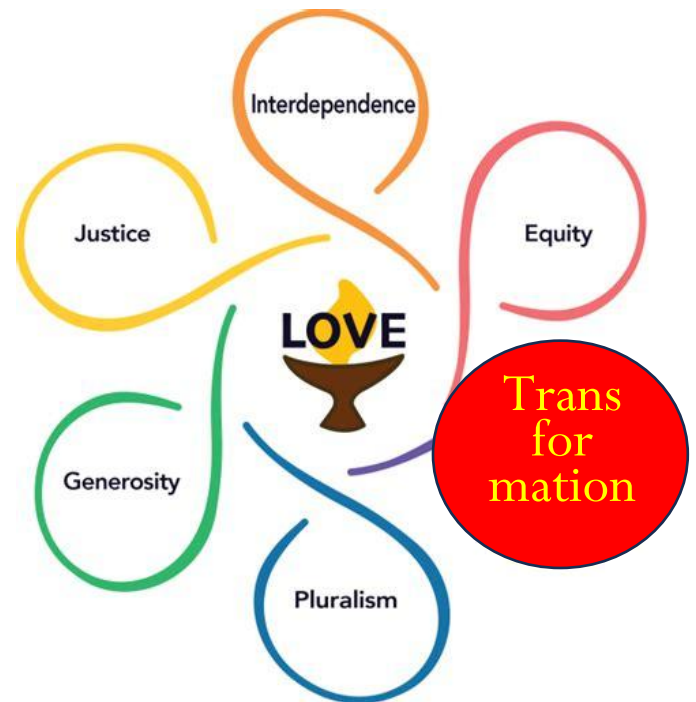


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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

## Our Shared Values



WE ARE . . .



**SPIRITUALLY ALIVE  
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE  
JUSTICE CENTERED**