

Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
~ from the UU Shared Values

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Welcome Home
by Rachel Rott *
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Feels Like Home
by Oak Studios
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
For Each and For All
by Erik Walker Wikstrom **
- ◆ 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
Generosity
from The UU Shared Values
- ◆ Song - 1000
Morning Has Come
- ◆ Reading
from *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*
by Paulo Freire

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
Words: *A Prayer Addressing All Hungers*
by Debra Smith **
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical: *Floating*
by Oak Studios
- ◆ Reading
from *The Fire Next Time*
by James Baldwin
- ◆ Song - 1031
Filled With Loving Kindness
performed by Melrose, MA Unitarian Universalist church

** a Unitarian Universalist minister

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
Reflections on Our Shared Values: Generosity
by the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl
Offertory: *King of the Fairies* Performed by Mark Gilston
- ◆ Song - 299
Make Channels for the Streams of Love
Performed by 1st UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI
- ◆ Benediction
Share Your Glorious Light with the World
by James Morison
- ◆ 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
Hope
Performed by Oak Studios

PROGRAM NOTES

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

YOU are formally invited to our Fae & Fairy Tea Party next Saturday 2-4 pm. Come in costume (or not!). Teas and snacks shall be provided for all! Details are on the church calendar.

Save the Date NOW! The 2025 Appreciation Gala will be Sun. Feb 23, following the morning assembly. A special homemade dinner followed by the many ways we appreciate all that people do to keep our lay-led congregation active. The Bruce Cameron Distinguished Service Award will be given.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ February board representative: Carole Harner
- ◆ Greeting us at the door:
- ◆ 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 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, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

10 am - Adult Forum
Skeptics & Believers

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly
Wise Choices

The Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn – *video message*

As the proverb goes, we are surely blessed by living in interesting times! But a blessing? Joanna Macy writes of the Great Turning; Rutger Bregman's research reminds us that humans are evolutionarily decent and friendly. What kind of world will you create, will we create? Together, as we calm our fears, we recognize the deep Wisdom within. Together we develop our awareness and flexibility. And together we become a force for transformation. Presented by Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn, UUA Congregational Life Staff, Central East Region.
lunch.

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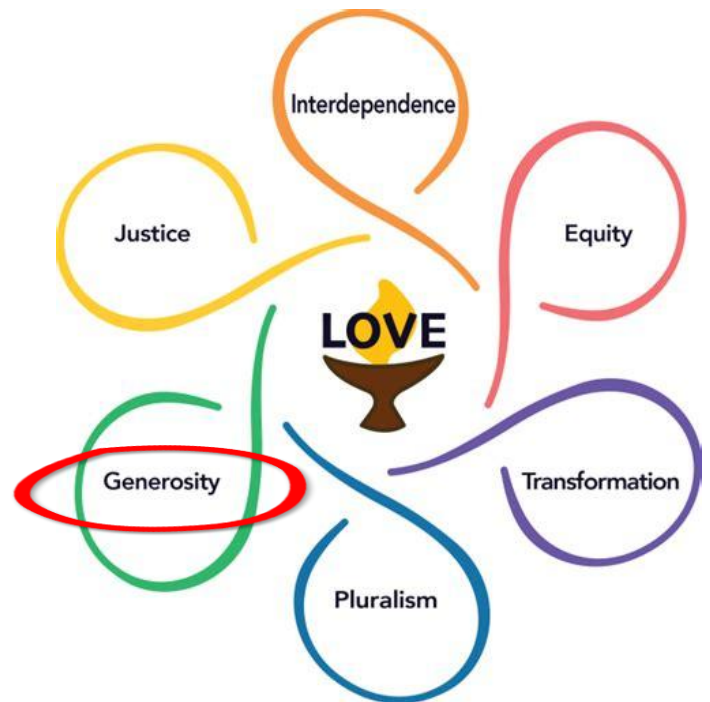


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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Our Shared Values



WE ARE . . .



**SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED**