

*Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.*

~ from the UU Shared Values

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community  
*Witnesses of the World*  
by Tania Y Márquez \*
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Inspiration*  
by Jack Winn
- ◆ Chalice Lighting  
*We Hold That Moment in Our Spirit*  
by Adam Slate \*\*
- ◆ 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 *a Race of Masters to a Master Race*  
from The UU Shared Values
- ◆ Song - 121  
*We'll Build a Land*  
Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church , Baltimore, MD
- ◆ Reading  
from *How to Be an Antiracist*  
by Ibram X. Kendi

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*  
Words: *To Light the Darkness and Begin Again*  
by D. Scott Cooper \*\*  
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment  
Musical: *Midnight Memories*  
by Unknown source
- ◆ Reading  
from *Equity*  
the UU Shared Values
- ◆ Song - 40  
*We're Gonna Sit at the Welcoming Table*  
Singing: 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church , Baltimore, MD

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## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

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

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving  
*Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl*  
*Offertory* written by John Ness Becky; performed by Joel Silorio
- ◆ Song - 169  
*We Shall Overcome*  
Performed by Universal Gospel Choir, Vancouver, BC
- ◆ Benediction  
*Our Calling in the World*  
by Rebekah Savage
- ◆ 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  
*Solfeggietto in C Minor* by C.P.E. Bach  
Performed by Tzvi Erez

## 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.

**In search of 3 special people** who can smile, be cheerful, are willing to sit on the stool in the foyer 1 Sunday in 6, for about 12-15 minutes to welcome visitors and to give everyone the morning program. Be a greeter! It's a critical part of growing our church. Speak with Susie, Paula or Doug for details.

**Save the Date NOW!** Mar 2 @ 2 pm is the area-wide special gathering of 125 years of UU congregations in N. TX. See the bright blue posters on the bulletin boards for details or speak with Marilyn and in the next UPDATE.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ February board representative: *Carole Harner*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Susie Norris* (and we need 3 more volunteers to share being a greeter 1 Sunday in 6)
- ◆ 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, MARCH 2, 2025

10 am - Adult Forum

### Skeptics & Believers

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

### Music As Social History

Tom Neilson and Lynn Waldron

These two performers have been at Red River UU several times in the past. If you missed them then, or even if you didn't, come join in the fun of live music, resistance songs, and thought-provoking words. A different type of spiritual morning. Two comments from other sources include: "*Tom skewers hypocrisy and insanity with his rapier wit. His global sophistication put into performance art is extraordinary.*" Kathy Hersh, Miami Friends; and "*If you haven't heard his slant on social justice and current events you are missing a treat!*" April Myers, Amarillo UU.

Note: The video of this morning assembly will only be available for 30 days on our YouTube channel.

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# THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## OUR SHARED VALUES



WE ARE . . .



SPIRITUALLY ALIVE  
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE  
JUSTICE CENTERED