

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
It Is Not Always Easy to Find Love at the Center by Esther Hurlburt,**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Air on the G String
by J.S. Bach | performer by James Pinder
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Love Remains the Center
by Eric Hepburn**
- ◆ 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 *Love at the Center: Unitarian Universalist Theologies* by Sofia Betancourt**
- ◆ Song - 299
Make Channels for the Stream of Love
performed by Allison Halerz
- ◆ Reading
Beloved, an expert from the book *Love at the Center* by Victoria Safford**

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
Words: *Love Is For Everyone, Including Us*
by anonymous
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical: *Voice Still and Small*
by John Corrado**
- ◆ Reading
from *UU Purposes and Covenant*
- ◆ Song - 34
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire
Singing: Michael Tacy* and Choir

*a Unitarian Universalist

** a Unitarian Universalist minister

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
*Reflections on Our Shared Values: **Love is at the Center***
by the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl
Offertory Hope music by Oak Studios
- ◆ Song – 1057
Go Lifted Up
Performed by First Unitarian Church of Baltimore
- ◆ Benediction
To Serve, to Grow, and to Love
by Kent McKusick
- ◆ 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
All You Need is Love by John Lennon and Paul McCartney; Performed by WeddingsGigs String Quartet

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 UUUA.

The Membership Team - today from 1-2

The RedRiverUU Rainbow Team - today from 1-2

Board Games – today from 2-4

Great Opportunities for our leaders: A special month of workshops for folks like us. On 3/11: Social Action; 3/20: Deep listening, Foundation for Good Communication; 3/27: Volunteer Lay Leaders. **Details on foyer bulletin board** and in next Wed UPDATE.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ March board representative: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- ◆ 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 16, 2025

10 am - Adult Forum
Skeptics & Believers

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly
'Choctaw Gift to the Irish'
Adam Salazar, *guest speaker*

In 1847, the Choctaw people donated money to the Irish people who suffering from a potato famine. Even though they were on different sides of the Atlantic Ocean, separated by thousands of miles, the Choctaws and Irish peoples endured similar struggles and misfortunes. It's because of the donation that a friendship/bond was formed.

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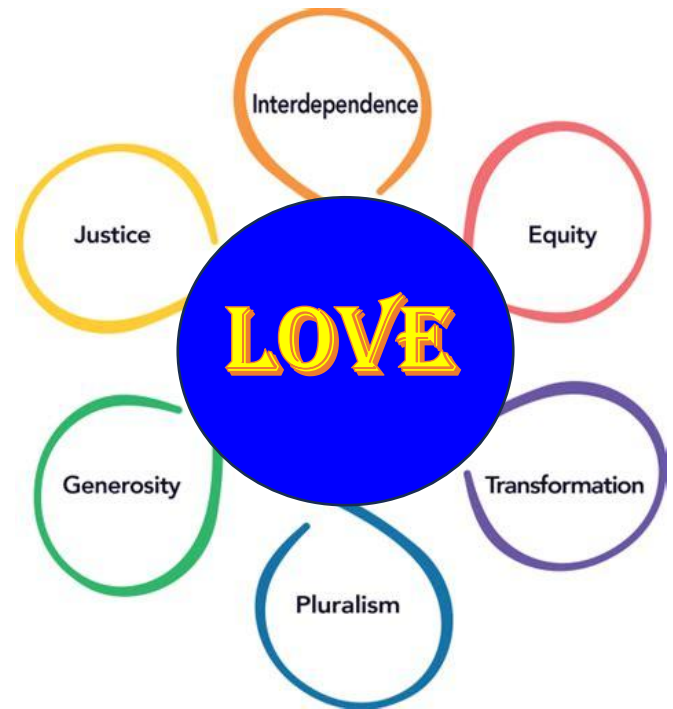


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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

LOVE IS AT THE CENTER



WE ARE ...



SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
JOYFULLY INCLUSIVE
JUSTICE CENTERED