# Today is December 8, 2019

For additional details on all events, refer to the newsletter at www.dentonuuf.org or posted in the Fellowship Hall.

For information on youth groups, adult groups, and classes, along with a complete calendar for the month, please pick up a calendar pamphlet from the welcome area.

### Today

- Winter Congregational Meeting Between the services in Miller Hall
   Please join us as we vote on the budget and 6 of next year's second collection choices.
- Coffee Hour After each service in the Fellowship Hall
- Lunch Bunch 12:52 pm at El Matador, 720 W. University Dr.
- All are welcome. Please let Sharon or Bill Barnhill know if they can count you in.
- Spectrum Youth Group 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### This Week

- Parents of UU Preschoolers (PUUPs) Meet Up Monday, 12/9, 9:30 am 11:30 am Middle School Our Whole Lives (OWL) - Tuesday, 12/10, 6:00 pm
- Lectio Divina/Reflection Group Wednesday, 12/11, 9:30 am 10:30 am
- High School Youth Group Wednesday, 12/11, 6:00 pm
- Women's Group for Cis and Trans Women Thursday, 12/12, 6:30 pm 8:00 pm
- Queer and Trans Inclusive (QTI) Yoga Saturday, 12/14, 1:00 pm 2:00 pm

#### This Month

- The Monday Group Monday, 12/16, 7:00 pm
- Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, 12/17, 7:00 pm
- CUUPS: Yule: Sólarblót Saturday, December 21, 7:00 pm 10:00 pm

### **Upcoming Services**

- Sunday, 12/15 The Winter Solstice and the Religious Instinct John Beckett & CUUPS
- Sunday, 12/22, one service only at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 12/24 at 4:30 pm Christmas Eve family service
- Tuesday, 12/24 at 6:00 pm Christmas Eve candlelight service
- Sunday, 12/29, one service only at 10:00 am Remembrance Sunday

January 5 will be our annual **Remembrance Sunday** when we honor those who have passed on during 2019. If you have names of family or friends you would like included in the Order of Service insert, please submit them at https://tinyurl.com/DUUFRembrance2020 (or via QR code) or email their names along with your name & your relationship to them, to dentonuuf@gmail.com by Thursday, January 2.





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# Zombie Trees and Other Magical Creatures

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Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship was organized in 1949 and became a certified *Welcoming Congregation* in 2002.

We are a loving, diverse, open fellowship that inspires spiritual growth, encourages ethical actions, seeks truth and has a deep commitment to improving the community and the world by our actions.

# **Order of Service**

\*Please rise as you are able.

Please silence all cell phones.

The seats in the area of the piano have been designated "Fragrance-free" for the benefit of those with allergies or sensitivities.

MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Maureen McDonald
DUUF Settled Minister Search Team

RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marisol Caballero

\*OPENING HYMN # 298 Wake Now My Senses (grey)

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Peace

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Marisol Caballero

## LIGHTING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHALICE:

This is our chalice of love and of light. Uniting UUs by day and by night.

# SINGING THE CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY

May your mind be open to new learning.
May your lips bring truth into the world
May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice
As you go your way in peace.

PRAYER/MEDITATION Rev. Marisol Caballero

MOMENT OF SILENCE

MUSICAL REFLECTION A madre de Jesu Cristo Cantigas de Santa Maria

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

(Now is the time to share your joys and concerns with the rest of the congregation. If you have one you would like to share, please raise your hand.) **READING** Blackbirds Julie Cadwallader-Staub

**HYMN** # 203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky (grey)

SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY - OFFERING

**RESPONSE:** From you I receive, to you I give.

Together we share, and by this we live.

**REFLECTION** Zombie Trees and Other Magical Creatures
Rev. Marisol Caballero

\*CLOSING HYMN # 21 For the Beauty of the Earth (grey)

\*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE: #456, Elizabeth Selle Jones
We extinguish this flame 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.

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Marisol Caballero

\*TURN AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR, PLEASE GO IN PEACE POSTLUDE

Please join us after the service for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

If you attend the full service, try out a coloring book (especially for teens and adults) near the name tag area of the sanctuary.

After the Message for All Ages children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in classes. Please ask an usher for information about our nursery for infants and young children. Youth in 6th grade and up are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the duration of Sunday morning worship services.

**THANK YOU** to our musician: Robert Brown

THANK YOU to our song leader: Júlia Coelho

**THANK YOU** to our worship associate: Ren Oehlschlager

**THANK YOU** to our greeters, ushers (Judy Smith, Jeff Bradford, Melissa Knitter, and Nancy Fire) chalice lighters and board members and search team members who also share their energy and love this morning.