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Sunday Services

Services start at 10:00 a.m. We meet at Mano a Mano, 925 Pierce Butler Route, at Milton St., St Paul, 55104. On the third Sunday of each month, services will only be on Zoom. All other services will be in person and simultaneously on Zoom (hybrid).

**November 5, 10:00 a.m.
Hinduism: Its Significance,
Prospects and Challenges
in the Modern Age
Hybrid (In-person at Mano a
Mano and on Zoom)
Speaker: Godan Nambudiripad
Moderator: John Christensen**



Godan Nambudiripad will briefly introduce the history of Hinduism and explain its basic beliefs and practices. He will explore the challenges this religion faces with politics, technology and increased immigration.

Born into a traditional family in the Indian State of Kerala, Godan Nambudiripad became an engineer in Kerala and received a graduate degree from the University of Toronto. He has had a variety of work experiences from a Russian engineering project in India to the food industry in Minnesota, retiring from General Mills

in 2007.

In addition to his engineering skills, Godan also has artistic and community leadership interests. Godan is currently taking classes in Indian philosophy from the Hindu University of America, leads tours at the Hindu Mandir in Maple Grove and is a regular speaker at schools and other venues on Indian culture and Hinduism. He and his family live in the Twin Cities.

**November 12, 10 a.m. In
Memory of Lyra McKee:
Changing Religious
Teaching on LGBT People
Will Save Lives
TED Talk, online only, via Zoom
Speaker Lyra McKee
Moderator: Larry Herbison**



Lyra McKee was a gay journalist/writer, and a freelance journalist who was based in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The fight for LGBT equality is a fight for hearts and minds. Lyra McKee argued that changing religious teaching on LGBT people will literally save lives.

**November 19, 10 a.m.
Prison Ministry – Holiday
Greetings to Incarcerated
Unitarian Universalists
Hybrid (In-person and on
Zoom)**

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Prison Ministry continued...

Presenter and Moderator: Sara Leiste



This is our annual service when we get together to write seasonal greetings to incarcerated Unitarian Universalists. Bring your favorite blue or

black ink pen to write the greetings. (We will also have extra pens available.)

Dr. Sara Leiste is a long-time member of Groveland UU Fellowship.

Thanksgiving Week –No Service November 28

We wish you joy and good company for the Holiday.

Looking Ahead

**December 3, 10 a.m.
Black Americans and
Unitarian Universalism
Hybrid (In-person and on
Zoom)**

**Presenter: Dr. Qiyamah Rahman
Moderator: Rose Dorer**

Reverend Dr. Qiyamah Rahman is a Unitarian Universalist minister in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. From 2012 to 2018 she was minister to the UU Fellowship of St. Croix.

Today Rev. Dr. Rahman will join us on Zoom to tell us her reflections and insights on the history and presence of



Black Americans in the Unitarian Universalist Association. She has been a UU member for 31 years, a UU minister for 16 years and has been researching and writing about Black UU women and girls for almost 30 years. Currently, she is the full-time volunteer Executive Director of Sister Source, Inc., a non-profit organization which she founded. It is dedicated to serving Black UU women and girls.

Rev. Dr. Rahman is the editor of the book *The Rough Side of the Mountain: Black Women's Ministries in Unitarian Universalism*. She holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan as well as a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School and a Doctor of Arts in Africana Women's Studies from Clark Atlanta University.

**Book Group Wednesday,
November 15 6:30-8:00 p.m.
On Zoom only**



On November 15th we will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Our format is a discussion of the books we are presently reading or have

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read recently. See our website for the Zoom link information. Contact Sara at leiste@yahoo.com for Zoom help.

Here is the list of books talked about at the October meeting:

Master, Slave, Husband, Wife - Ilyon Woo

Democracy Awakening - Heather Cox Richardson

The Rights of Nature: A Legal Revolution That Could Save the World - David R. Boyd

What Do You Do with an Idea? - Kobe Yamada

All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir - Nicole Chung

August Berkshire presented a very interesting talk on Atheism. He talked about the differences in the world views of Atheism and religion.



November Birthdays



We have no November Birthdays, but we will have two to celebrate in December.



Pictures from Past Services

Leticia Smith was moderator on Oct. 8th when August Berkshire spoke to us.

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