

*It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously
for sacred ideals.*

~ Norbert Fabián Čapek,
creator of the Flower Communion

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community
The Beauty of the Whole
Meg Barnhouse **
- Prelude/Giving/Candles of Community
For the Beauty of the Earth
music by: Joe Hisaishi | performed by the Heartstrings Cello Ensemble
- Chalice Lighting
We Are a People of Beauty
by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson**
- 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
- UU Snippet
What is our Behavioral Covenant?
by Marla Loturco*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- Opening Thought
from *Finding Flowers*
by Brand Kosloski

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices
Adapted from *The Flower Communion*
by Reginald Zottoli
This morning we will do two walking meditations, in silence: bringing our flowers to the vase, and later in the service, receiving a flower.
- Musical Interlude
Color and Fragrance
by Rev. Norbert Capek | vocal by Hannah Clark, UU
Congregation of Charleton, SC
- Discourse
Would You Like Real or Plastic?
the Rebecca Crystal*

- Image
Recycled Symbols in Flowers
Designed by Rebecca Crystal*
- Reading
from *Jane Goodall's 2025 Earth Day Message*
- Image
Photo of Earth
Taken by Artemis II crew

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Song
Big Yellow Taxi
by Joni Mitchell
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- Flower Communion Completion
Acceptance of Flowers
from *The Flower Communion*, by Reginald Zottoi, adptd

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Closing Thought
by Dr. Capek, creator of the Flower Communion**
- Extinguishing our 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
A Short Beautiful Piano Piece - Improv
by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

Today's Morning Assembly was created by Rebecca Crystal and Brand Kosloski..

Earth Day Festival was yesterday. Many thanks to all who helped set up and take down, along with everyone who came to the festival. We can be proud of the long hours of preparation, organization, promoting and creating this annual event. Carolyn Cameron, a long time member reminded us *Red River UU – The Reason there is a Texoma Earth Day Festival!* She would be proud of this year's festival.

WHO IS MAKING THINGS WORK TODAY

- April board representative: *Jana Norris*
- Greeting you at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- Leading today: *Rebecca Crystal & Brand Kosloski*
- AV Team: *Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes*
- Caring Circle: *Susie Norris*

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 focus 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 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, APRIL 26, 2026

10 am

The Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, & the Transcendentalist Movement

A Great Courses Series

11:15 am

Emergency Preparedness: Necessary for Survival.

Amy Hoffman-Shehan, Brand Kosloski, and Jack, *leading*

Combining two near and dear Unitarian Universalist services, Earth Day and our flower communion, we ask everyone to bring at least one flower to share. Discussion will be on how plastic is not evil, but needs to be honored in what it offers to us as well as how we can rethink, renew, reduce, reuse, recycle, and upcycle!

12:15 pm

Conversations & Calories

QR to our worship survey



QR to our mobile app



Take time, friends, and tell us your reactions to our morning assembly. We worship from a less common approach of 'traditional' faith communities. Feedback is our way of learning what meant the most for you. The QR code is nameless so feel free to share the good, the bad, and the whatever.

The Morning Program

Sunday, April 19, 2026



We are ...



Spiritually Alive,
Joyfully Inclusive,
Justice Centered.

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