

*"Time is a created thing. To say, 'I don't have time,' is like saying, 'I don't want to.' "* ~Lao Tzu

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community  
*Many Hopes in Our Hearts*  
by Rebekah Savage\*\*
- Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Time in a Bottle*  
by Jim Croce | Chase Eagleson, singing
- Chalice Lighting  
*A Chalice Lighting for Liminal Times*  
by Summer Albayati\*\*
- 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 *Pandemonium (Delirium, #2*  
by Lauren Oliver
- Song #350  
*The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*  
performed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD
- The First Reading  
from *The Concept of Nature*  
by Alfred North Whitehead

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - *with words, stillness, music*  
words: *All Our Relations*  
by Gary Kowalski\*\*
- stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*  
musical response: *One Minute Giving Music*  
composed and performed by Dan Althoff\*
- The Second Reading  
from *Process and Reality*  
by Alfred North Whitehead
- Song  
*We Shall Be Known*  
by Karisha Longaker of MaMuse | UU The Vote Choir, singing

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- Discourse

*What Time Is It?*

by the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Giving  
*Bringing our gifts to the table*  
Offertory: *Carolyn's Interlude*  
composed & performed by Dan Althoff\*

- Song

*Get Together*

by The Youngbloods | Performed by Emily Rose Reilly

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Benediction  
*Love Holds You*  
by Carrie Holley-Hurt\*\*
- Extinguishing our Chalices  
*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

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## PROGRAM NOTES

**Kudos and many thanks** to those who spent New Years Day preparing a wonderful First Day dinner for the Texoma Family Shelter,

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet on Monday @ 5:30.

**The Earth Day Planners** meet at church on Thursday – 5:30 to continue their work on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Texoma Earth Day Festival.

**On the Cover** – a portion of the painting *The Persistence of Memory* by the Spanish artist Salvador Dali, 1931.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- January board representative: *Cristin Mackey*
- Greeting us at the door: *Curtis Severns*
- Leading this morning: *The Rev Dr Mark Y. A. Davies*
- AV team: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Liz Rapp*
- R.E. leader: *Jack*
- 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, JANUARY 11, 2026

10 am - Adult Forum  
*Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalists*

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

## A VALUE-ADDED LIFE

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

What would be the implications for community if we committed ourselves to bringing more value into the world than we take from it? In this discourse, I will reflect on how we might live in such a way as to increase the value of all life for the long run and on what kinds of systemic transformation would be needed for us all to live value adding lives.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

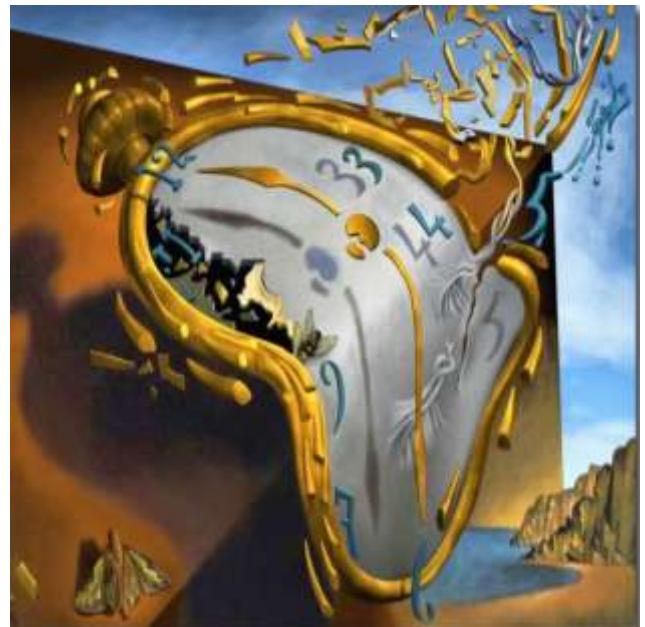
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# The Morning Program

Sunday, January 4, 2026



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Justice Centered