

*What has a price can be replaced by something else as its equivalent; what on the other hand is raised above all price and therefore admits of no equivalent has a dignity.*

~ Immanuel Kant

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community  
*We come to this hour*  
by Louise A. Robeck\*\*
- Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Titanium*  
Written by Sia, David Guetta, Giorgio Tuinfort, and Afrojack-  
Performed by: Jodok Vuille
- Chalice Lighting  
*Let us Look First to the Response of Love*  
by Maureen Killoran\*\*
- 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 *Civilization and Its Discontents*  
by Sigmund Freud
- Song  
*Brand New Day*  
written and performed by Sons of Legion
- The First Reading  
from *For the Common Good*  
by Herman Daly and John B. Cobb Jr.

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - with words, stillness, music  
words: *Choose to Bless the World*  
by Rebecca Parker\*\*  
stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*  
musical response: *One Minute Giving Music*  
composed and performed by Dan Althoff\*
- The Second Reading  
from *The Embers and the Stars*  
by Erazim Kohák

## ● Song

*Man In the Mirror* words by Siedah Garrett  
music by Glen Ballard | performed by Boyce Avenue

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

## ● Discourse

*A Value Adding Life*  
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

*Do Something*  
written & performed by Matthew West

## ● Benediction

*Closing Words for Hard Times*  
by Maureen Killoran\*\*

## ● 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

## PROGRAM NOTES

- Today: Rainbow team meeting
- Monday: Overeaters meeting 5:30 pm. This outside group welcomes newcomers
- Thursday Banned Books club 2 pm: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou is the book.
- Saturday: Kids Clothing Swap 10 am
- On the Cover: *Lightbulb Word Cloud* by Shutterstock

## 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 18, 2026

10 am - Adult Forum

*Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalists*

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

*A Space for Release, Renewal, and hope*

Rebecca Crystal & Marla Loturco, *leading*

If you're looking for a way to start the year that feels deeper than a typical resolution, join us this Sunday. We're hosting a heartfelt service that blends music and words with a beautiful, symbolic ritual. Together, we'll move through a circle of light and water, practicing the art of letting go, the joy of starting fresh, and our connection to the earth. It's a gentle, supportive environment where you can connect with your own spirit and a community that cares. We'd love to have you in our circle.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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# The Morning Program

Sunday, January 11, 2026



We are ...



*Spiritually Alive,  
Joyfully Inclusive,  
Justice Centered*