

Benediction The arc of the moral universe is long,
but it bends toward justice.
~ Theodore Parker**

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community
Justice Is Our Prayer
Rebekah Savage**
- Prelude/Candles of Community
A Change is Gonna Come
composed & performed by Sam Cooke
- Chalice Lighting
Justice, Meaning, and Purpose
by David Breeden**
- 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
We Resist to Retain our own Conscience
by Cole Arthur Riley
- Song
Deportee/Plane Wreck at Los Gatos
written & performed by Arlo Guthrie
- The First Reading
The Theological Mandate for Justice and Equity
by Sheri Prud'homme **

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - with words, stillness, music
 - ~ words: *To Light the Darkness and Begin Again*
by D. Scott Cooper**
 - ~ stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*
 - ~ musical response: *One Minute Giving Music*
composed and performed by Dan Althoff*
- The Second Reading
from *the Kingdom of Memory: Reminiscence*
by Elie Wiesel
- Song
They Killed Him
written & performed by: Kris Kristofferson

- Discourse
Striving for Justice?
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
Reptiles (We Woke Up)
written & performed by Flogging Molly
- Benediction
This Is Our Calling
by D. Scott Cooper A
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

Because of the continuing snow & ice storm, we gather again this morning via the church ZOOM account and our guest speaker, the Rev Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies comes to us via ZOOM. Special thanks Worship & AV teams for making this possible.

The February issue of *Red River Ramblings* will appear in your email inbox later today. As with our local congregation, winter storms (nightly lows to -14°) in Wisconsin might delay the issue until tomorrow. If you overlooked submitting what you want published, send your today no later than 6 pm to news @redriveruu.org

On the cover: image of the UUTXJM vigil, procession, and state violence in Dilley, TX last Wednesday, and to take meaningful action in community, in this morally urgent time.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- February board representative: *Carole Harner*
- Greeting you at **your** door: *Anyone you invited to join in today's Morning Assembly (a low-key approach to inviting someone to church)*
- Special appreciation to *Marla Loturco, Carole Harner, and Jim Holmes* who, safe in their homes, are responsible for this novel approach to assuring ourselves we all can worship together.
- Thanks to Mark Davies who agreed to preach from home.
- 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](#) ~~mob~~ ~~ile 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, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Providing the Weather Improves
10:00 am

The Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, & the Transcendentalist Movement –
A Great Courses Series

11:15 am

The Morning Assembly

Who are UU's?

Worship Team & Rev. David Schwartz, via video

Curious about Unitarian Universalism? Join us this Sunday for a special look at Unitarian Universalism. We'll explore the values that guide us—like justice, equity, and a deep respect for the earth—and discuss how we live those out in the real world.

Newcomers, old friends, and the simply curious are all welcome. Come explore with us!

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

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The Morning Program

Sunday, February 1, 2026



We are ...



Spiritually Alive,
Joyfully Inclusive,
Justice Centered

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