

To create a Beloved Community that is Spiritually Alive, Joyfully Inclusive, Justice Centered.

~Mission of Red River UU Church

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community
  - A Place of Belonging and Caring*  
by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson\*\*
- Prelude/Candles of Community
  - Scarborough Fair* performed by Joshua Messick
- Chalice Lighting
  - Out of the Flames* by Sara Eileen LaWall\*\*
- 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 Are Unitarian Universalists*  
Unitarian Universalists Association video
- Song 123
  - Spirit of Life*  
Orange County CA UU choir singing
- The First Reading
  - The poem *A Saving Faith*  
by Megan Visser\*\* based on her essay in Testimony,  
edited by Meg Riley\*\*

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - with words, stillness, music
  - ~ words: *There Is a Love*  
by Rebecca Parker\*\* from *A Child's Book of Blessings and Prayers*  
by Eliza Blanchard\*\* | illustrated by Rocco Baviera
  - ~ stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*
  - ~ musical response: *One Minute Giving Music*  
composed and performed by Dan Althoff\*
- The Second Reading
  - Beyond Borders*  
from *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age: Why I Am a Unitarian Universalist* by Rick Hoyt-McDaniels\*\*
- Song - 1023
  - Building Bridges*  
performed by Glen Thomas Rideout\*\* & Allison Halerz\*

## DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

### • Discourse

*What is Unitarian Universalism?*

by the Rev. David Schwartz, a video message

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

### • Giving

*Bringing our gifts to the table*

Offertory: *Carolyn's Interlude*

composed & performed by Dan Althoff\*

### • Song

*How Could Anyone*

by Libby Roderick | Performed by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

### • Closing Thought

*I Am The Very Model of a Modern Unitarian*

Words by Chris Rable\*\* | music by Gilbert & Sullivan  
performed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian church, Salt Lake City

### • Benediction

*Our Calling in the World* - by Rebekah Savage\*\*

### • 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

*Improv* - by Jervy Hou

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## PROGRAM NOTES

Rev. David Schwartz (he/him) is the Lead Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, CO. His colleagues appreciate his spirit of curiosity, play, and deep hope for the future of the community.

**The Rainbow Team**'s monthly meets is today after C & C. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

**On the cover** - The flaming chalice with world religious icons, fits our common UU theme of pluralism. The flaming chalice symbol, created by Hans Deutsch in WWII and later adopted broadly, while who created the work and where it 'lives' remain unknown.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- February board representative: *Carole Harner*
- Greeting us at the door: *Amy Hoffman-Shehan*
- Worship Associate: *Marla Loturco*
- Guest minister via video: *The Rev. David Schwartz*
- 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

### The History of Civil Disobedience

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

Augustine and Aquinas were both known for claiming that "an unjust law is no law at all." We know from the experience of humanity that legality and morality are not synonymous. Many practices have been deemed legal by societies that are clearly immoral. This discourse will explore how civil disobedience to unjust laws has been an effective catalyst for social change throughout human history.

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# The Morning Program

Sunday, February 8, 2026



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