

*Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality.*

~ Carl Sagan\*

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community  
*For Five Thousand Years, Or More*  
by Matthew Johnson \*\*
- ♦ Prelude/Candles of Community  
*We Are* (song 1051)  
performed by Foothills Unitarian Church, Ft. Collins, CO
- ♦ Chalice Lighting  
*Hymn to the Light*  
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
- ♦ UU Snippet  
*What's a Covenant?*  
by Marla Loturco\*
- ♦ Stewardship Moment  
by Jack\*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ♦ Opening Thought  
from *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan\*
- ♦ Song 1064  
*Blue Boat Home*  
The UU Society of Grafton and Upton, MA choir singing
- ♦ The First Reading  
from *The World As I See It*  
by Albert Einstein

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ♦ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
  - ~ words: *Like Pendulums We Swing*  
by Don W. Vaughn-Foerster\*\*
  - ~ stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*
  - ~ musical response: *One Minute Giving Music*  
composed and performed by Dan Althoff\*
- ♦ The Second Reading  
from *Alien Earths*  
by Lisa Kaltenegger

- ♦ Song  
*Majestic Beauty of the Cosmos as discovered by the Hubble telescope*  
Music "Sail the Cosmic Ocean" by the Administrative; Images: NASA, ESA, & Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA) Dis-course
- ♦ Discourse  
*Cosmic Humility*  
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Giving  
*Bringing our gifts to the table*  
Offertory  
*Carolyn's Interlude*  
Composed and performed by Dan Althoff\*
- ♦ Song  
*Mr. Spaceman*  
music bt Roger McGuinn | The Byrds singing
- ♦ Benediction  
*A Power at Work in the Universe*  
by Tom Schade\*\*
- ♦ 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  
*Improv*  
a short beautiful piano piece by Jerry Hou

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## PROGRAM NOTES

**Overeaters anonymous** meets each Monday afternoon. Note the time change from 5:30 to 6:00 since we're again on summertime.

**The Earth Day Festival Planners** meets on Thursday @ 5:30 to continue their work. Earth Day Festival is Apr 18.

**The Rainbow Team's** monthly meeting is today @ 1 pm.

**In the foyer literature rack** are copies of the March newsletter where friends and visitors can see what's happening this month.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ♦ March board representative: *Carole Harner*
- ♦ Greeting you at the door: *Doug Strong*
- ♦ Leading today: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ♦ AV Team: *Carole, Liz, Jim*
- ♦ 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](#) ~~the 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, MARCH 15, 2026

10 am  
The Adult Forum

#### Emerson, Thoreau, & the Transcendentalist Movement

A Great Courses Series

11:15 am  
The Morning Assembly

#### Reading from Robert L. Arnold's *Defiance Til death*

George Novak, *leading*

Robert Arnold is a man for the moment. He provides eloquent, insightful, hopeful, and sometimes angry analyses of the current state of our society. He is 'a lot'. Apart from his on-line presence, Arnold published a book of his essays and poetry in 2025. You'll find his writing evocative, provocative, and aligned with UU principles.



12:15 pm  
Conversations & Calories

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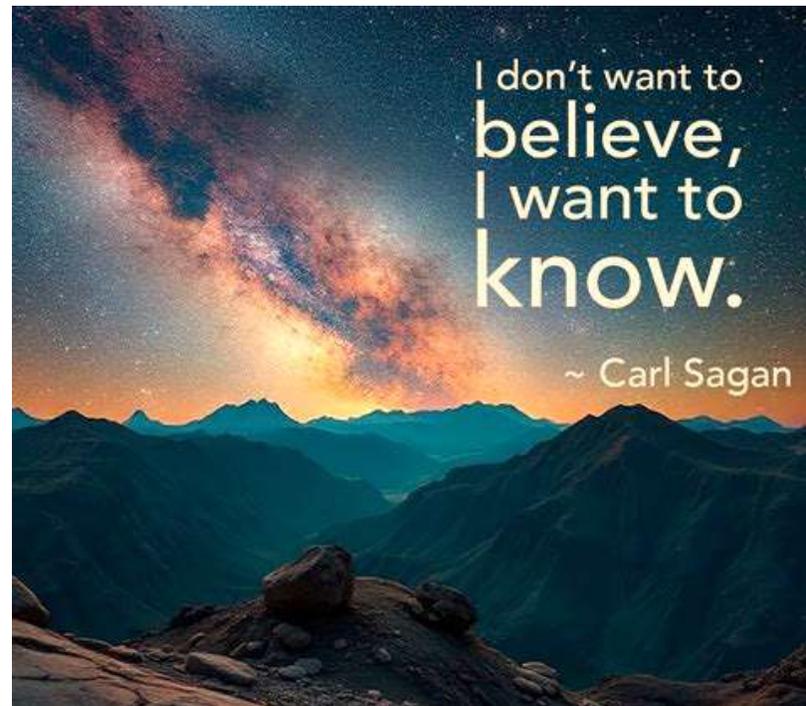


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# The Morning Program

Sunday, March 8, 2026



We are ...



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Joyfully Inclusive,  
Justice Centered

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