

The speed with which American democracy is currently dismantled is unprecedented in modern history.
~ The Varieties of Democracies Institute

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ♦ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ♦ Call to Community
Love Invites Us
by anastasia biroch*
- ♦ Prelude/Candles of Community/Giving
Mr. President
by composer lyricist Billy Mann & P!nk | P!nk singing
- ♦ Chalice Lighting
The Great Turning
by Lisa Garcia-Sampson**
- ♦ 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
*The Spirit of Our Shared Work: Understanding
Congregational Polity*
by Marla Loturco*
- ♦ Stewardship Moment
By Cristin Mackey*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ♦ Opening Thought
2026 Democracy Report
by The Varieties of Democracies Institute
- ♦ Song
Give the People What They Want
written by Kenny Gamble & Leon Huff | The O'Jays singing
- ♦ First Reading
On Freedom
by Timothy Snyder
- ♦ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
 - ~ words: *Our Lifelong Work of Liberation*
by Dayna Edwards**
 - ~ stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*
 - ~ musical response: *Heart & Brain Coherence
and Harmony* composed and performed Pierre Ynad
for Inner Lotus Music
- ♦ Second Reading
Chain of Ideas
by Ibram X. Kendi

*a Unitarian Universalist | **a Unitarian Universalist minister

- ♦ Song
Rise Up
composed and performed by Andra Day
- ♦ Discourse
The Dry Bones of Our Democracy
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies
- ♦ Giving
Bringing our gifts to the table
two musical selections:
Vote Vote PSA composed & performed by Hamilton cast
Vote Baby Vote composed & performed by Deee-Lite
- ♦ Song
Tyrants Always Fall
Nerissa Nields, composer | The Nields, singing

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ♦ Benediction
Democracy's Benediction
by Lucas Hergert**
- ♦ 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
Centrifuge
written & performed by Dave Whitcroft

PROGRAM NOTES

This morning's speaker, the Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies, is a distinguished ethicist and clergyman whose career bridges academia, church leadership, and global ecological advocacy. His contributions uniquely intertwine theological insight, ethical scholarship, and practical activism, making him a leading voice in socially responsible faith and ecological ethics. He is a professor at Oklahoma City College.

Today is the 5th Sunday and that mean we're continuing our tradition of a Fifth Sunday All Church potluck. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy breaking bread together.

The deadline for the April issue of *Red Rive Ramblings* was last night. However if you submit your copy to news@redriveruu.org no later than tomorrow evening, your announcement, report, ad, or invitation to upcoming events will show up.

Overeaters anonymous meets each Monday evening at 6 pm. Newcomers are most welcome.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ♦ March board representative: *Jack*
- ♦ Greeting you at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- ♦ Leading today: *the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ♦ AV Team: *Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes*
- ♦ 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 '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, APRIL 5, 2026

10 am
The Adult Forum

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

11:15 am
The Morning Assembly

"Reflections on Ibram X. Kendi's *Chain of Ideas*"
The Rev Dr Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

A look at the Origins of Authoritarianism as presented by critically acclaimed author Ibram X. Kendi of Howard University.

12:15 pm
Conversations & Calories

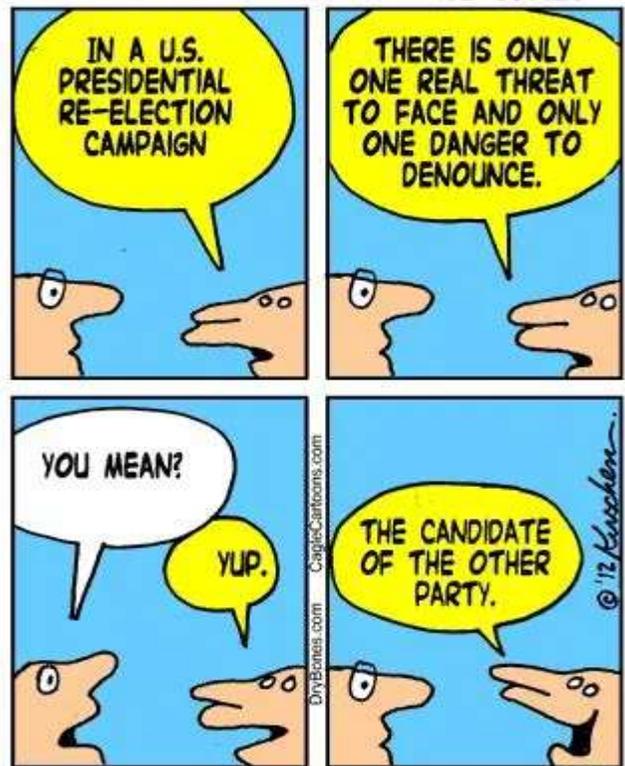
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The Morning Program

March 29, 2026

Dry Bones RE-ELECTION REALITIES



We are ...

Spiritually Alive,
Joyfully Inclusive,
Justice Centered.

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