

There will be no environmental justice  
without racial justice.

~ Dr. Robert Bullard

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community  
Committed to Respond  
By Lynn Harrison\*\*
- Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Mother Earth*  
composed & played by Karliene Reynolds | video by youtube  
Jo We Lyn VLog
- Chalice Lighting  
*The Sacred Power of Justice*  
by Jami Yandle\*\*
- 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  
*Benefits & Responsibilities of Being a Member*  
by Eva Novak\*
- Stewardship Moment  
by Bruce Cameron\*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- Opening Thought  
*On Fire: The Case for the Green New Deal*  
by Naomi Klein
- Song 1064  
*Blue Boat Home*
- The First Reading  
*Interview with Democracy Now (2017)*  
by Dr. Robert Bullard

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - *with words, stillness, music*  
~ words: *Let Us Make this Earth Heaven* by Tess  
Baumberger\*\*  
~ Stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*  
~ musical response  
performed by Sam Cates\*
- The Second Reading  
from *Interview with PBS 2020*  
by Robert Bullard

- Song  
*Trouble in the Water*  
written by Common, Malik Yusef, and the Kumasi  
project featuring: Aaron Fresh, Choklate & Laci Kay
- Discourse  
*Environmental Justice is Attainable*  
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Giving  
*Bringing our gifts to the table*  
Offertory: by Sam Cates
- Song 1028  
*The Fire of Commitment*  
Sam Cates, pianist
- Benediction  
*May We Hear the Melody of Life*  
by Joseph Cleveland\*\*
- 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*  
Composed and performed by Dave Whitcroft

## PROGRAM NOTES

**With us again**, the Rev. Dr. Mark Y. A. Davis who has over the last several years sojourned from his home outside Oklahoma City two Sundays a month to share his wit, wisdom and deeply held Methodist religious commitments that are surprisingly parallel to our own. Read his bio details on our app or website.

**We also welcome** Sam Cates, not to church, as he's a member and comes most Sundays, but to the keyboard whereon he is sharing his musical talent as the morning accompanist.

**Looking ahead: Thurs:** Earth Day planners 5:30pm | **Sat: Spring Cleanup 10 am** - ??? Speak with Jack for details of how you can help. It has been too many years w/o a spring cleanup. Come polish furniture, wash the windows, stain removal from chapel chairs (w/ a spiffy machine), clean out the basement, etc.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- April board representative: *Jana Norris*
- Greeting you at the door: *Doug Strong*
- Accompanist: *Sam Cates*
- Guest minister: *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 '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 12, 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

QR to our worship survey



QR to our mobile app



Take time, friends, and tell us your reactions to our morning assembly. We worship from a less common approach of 'traditional' faith communities. Feedback is our way of learning what meant the most for you. The QR code is nameless so feel free to share what you wish.

# The Morning Program

Sunday, April 5, 2026



We are ...



Spiritually Alive,  
Joyfully Inclusive,  
Justice Centered

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