

*Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice. Divide and conquer! We must not let that happen here.*

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- Call to Community  
*In Faith*  
by Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe\*\*
- Prelude/Candles of Community  
*Ebony and Ivory*  
composed by Paul McCartney | performed by Paul McCartney & Stevie Wonder
- Chalice Lighting  
*Cherishing Our Differences*  
by Cindy Fesgen\*
- 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 Story of Flower Communion*  
Illustration by: Steve Sedam; Narration by Gretchen Haley\*\*
- Stewardship Moment  
by Bruce Cameron\*

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- Opening Thought  
from *Chain of Ideas*  
by Ibram X. Kendi
- Song 149  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
video produced by EVT
- The First Reading  
from *Chain of Ideas*  
by Ibram X. Kendi

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- Practices - with words, stillness, music
  - ~ words: *Time Together*  
by Kenneth P. Langer\*\*
  - ~ stillness: *Quiet Sitting for a Time*
  - ~ musical response  
*Carolyn's Interlude* composed & performed by Dan Althoff\*

- The Second Reading  
from *Chain of Ideas*  
by Ibram X. Kendi
- Song 149  
*You've Got To Be Carefully Taught*  
by Rogers & Hammerstein II | James Taylor *singing*
- Discourse  
*Reflections on Chain of Ideas*  
the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- Giving  
*Bringing our gifts to the table*  
Offertory: by Dan Althoff
- Song |  
*Imagine*  
by John Lennon | Playing for Change, Song around the World
- Benediction  
*We Shall Overcome*  
by Jonalu Johnstone\*\*
- 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.*
- Benediction  
*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.

**Earth Day Festival** is next Saturday, Apr 18. Do come. Details in Wed UPDATE. Volunteers to help set up are needed. Speak with Amy.

**Worship Team Training** today 1 pm for all current team members and any others intrigued about what it takes to produce our weekly worship.

**Rainbow team** monthly meeting today 1:00 pm

## WHO IS MAKING THINGS WORK TODAY

- April board representative: *Jana Norris*
- Greeting you at the door: *Sherilyn Bolerjack*
- Guest minister: *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 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 19, 2026

10 am

The Adult Forum

Emerson, Thoreau, & the Transcendentalist  
Movement

A Great Courses Series

11:15 am

Would You Like Fresh or Plastic?

Rebecca Crystal, *leading*

Combining two near and dear Unitarian Universalist services, Earth Day and our flower communion, we ask everyone to bring at least one flower to share. Discussion will be on how plastic is not evil, but needs to be honored in what it offers to us as well as how we can rethink, renew, reduce, reuse, recycle, and upcycle!

12:15 pm

Conversations & Calories

QR to our worship survey



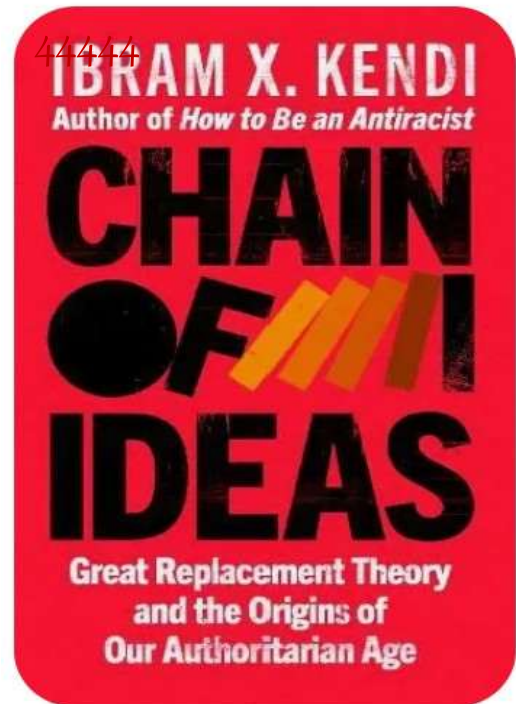
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Take time, friends, and tell us your reactions to our morning assembly. We worship from a less common approach of 'traditional' faith communities. Feedback is our way of learning what meant the most for you. The QR code is nameless so feel free to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

# The Morning Program

Sunday, April 12, 2026



We are ...



Spiritually Alive,  
Joyfully Inclusive,  
Justice Centered.

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