

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. We are people engaged in making the world a better place; people who 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 you are welcome here.

NEXT Sunday, May 17, 2026

10 A.M.

The Adult Forum

**Louisa May Alcott and the
Transcendentalist Movement**

11:15 A.M.

Post-Truth Society

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies presenting.

Democracy cannot survive in a post-truth society. The truth and evidence-based critical thinking matter if we are to develop the shared understanding of reality that makes beloved community possible.

Spring Congregational Meeting

We will have a potluck lunch next Sunday, followed by the Congregational Meeting. (Team 3 will be providing Conversations & Calories on the 5th Sunday, May 31, instead of our 5th Sunday Potluck, since we had a potluck for the Spring Meeting.)



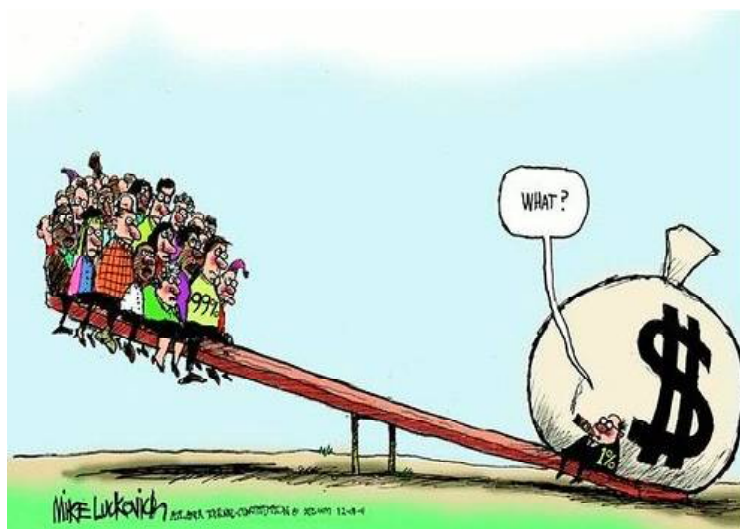
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The Morning Program

May 10, 2026



We are ...



*Spiritually Alive,
Joyfully Inclusive,
Justice Centered*

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A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth. - Martin Luther King Jr.

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community**
It Is Good To Be Together, by Alison Wohler
- **Prelude** – *Inisheer*, by Thomas Walsh;
Performed by Stephen Wake and Ariella Zeitlin
- **Chalice Lighting:** *Chalice Lighting on Inherent Worth and Dignity*, by Steve Stock
- **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 1:** “The Board- Our Shared Leadership and How We Work Together,” by Marla Loturco
- **UU Snippet 2:** “The Committee on Ministry- Strengthening Our Shared Spirit,” by Marla Loturco

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*, by Kurt Vonnegut
- **1st Song:** *There Is Mean Things Happening in This Land*, Written and Performed by Pete Seeger
- **1st Reading:** *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*, by Jessica Bruder

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *Prayer for Weary Times*, by Margaret Weis
- **Musical Response:** *1 minute Giving Music*,
Written and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *Poverty, by America*, by Matthew Desmond
- **2nd Song:** *When the President Talks to God*,
Written and performed by Conner Oberst of Bright Eyes

- **Discourse:** *Income Inequality*, Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, Written and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *Another Day in Paradise*, Written and Performed by Phil Collins
- **Benediction:** *Go In Peace, Seeking Justice*, by Jim Magaw
Extinguishing the chalices
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*, by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- For the last several years, the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, has traveled from his home outside Oklahoma City two Sundays per month to share his wit, wisdom and deeply held Methodist religious commitments that are surprisingly parallel to our own.
- **Worship Team Training** today, 1:00 PM for current team members and others interested in what it takes to produce our Sunday worship services.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

SPECIAL REMINDER

Next Sunday, May 17 - Red River UU Church will have a potluck lunch followed by our Spring Congregational Meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share.

We are self-governing, so it is important that members participate and vote. A quorum is required for us to conduct business. Visitors and friends are also welcome to attend and voice their opinions. Have your voice heard in running our church, and other important things, of course!

Jim and Marla have developed a members' portal for our website and will make it live at the Spring Congregational Meeting. Be sure to come so you can get your password.

WHO IS MAKING THINGS WORK TODAY

- May Board Representative - Susie Norris
- Greeting you at the Door - Doug Strong
- Av Team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes