

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 24, 2026

10 A.M.

The Adult Forum

**Transcendental Women and the
Transcendentalist Movement**

11:15 A.M.

Everyone Can Do Something

Adrian Hinman, presenting via video.

How I stumbled face-first into the mutual aid networks of my new home in Minneapolis, learned to help and protect my neighbors, and what it looks like going forward.



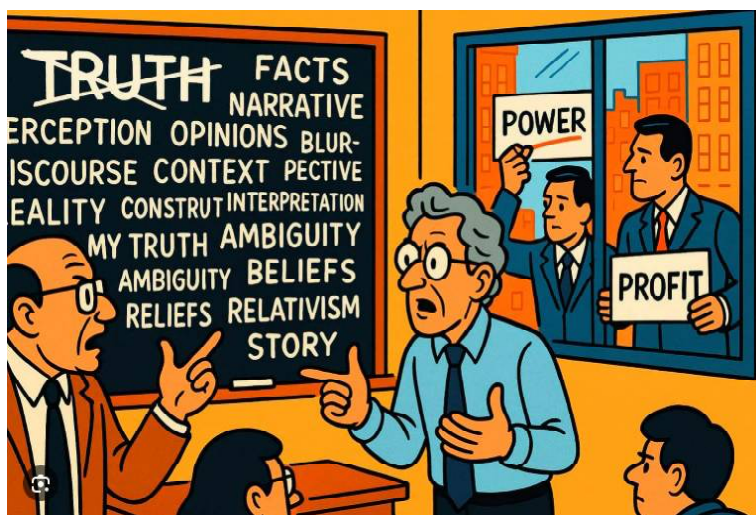
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The Morning Program

May 17, 2026



We are...



***Spiritually Alive,
Joyfully Inclusive,
Justice Centered***

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To abandon facts is to abandon freedom.

by Timothy Snyder

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community** - *The Great Teachers in Life* - by Jason Cook
- **Prelude** – How Great Thou Art”
Written by Carl Boberg, Translated by Stuart K. Hine; Arranged & Performed by The Piano Guys
- **Chalice Lighting:** “The Light of Truth”
by Richard M. Fewkes
- **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:** *Bylaws* - by Marla Loturco

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *The Origins of Totalitarianism*
by Hannah Arendt
- **1st Song:** Truth vs. *Their Lies* - Written & Performed
by: Tom MacDonald
- **1st Reading:** *Secret Friends: The Ramblings of a Madman in Search of a Soul* - by H.M. Forester

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *A World of Beauty and Love Is Coming*,
by Elizabeth Bukey Saunter
- **Musical Response:** *1-minute Giving Music*,
Written and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *The Origins of Totalitarianism*,
by Hannah Arendt
- **2nd Song:** *Don't Lie To Me*, Written by Barbara Streisand, John Shanks, Jones Myrin and Jay Landers; Performed by Barbara Streisand

- **Discourse:** *Post-Truth Society*, Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, Written and Performed
by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** # 318, *We Would Be One* - Words: Samuel Anthony Wright; Music: Jean Sibelius; Performed by Eli Sauls, Unitarian Universalist Church, Lancaster
- **Benediction:** *Take This as an Invitation* - by Birch Cue
- **Extinguishing the Chalice**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*,
by Jervy Hou
- **Spring Congregational Meeting following a potluck lunch today.**

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.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM
- **Banned Book Club**, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, May 21, 2 PM
- **Social Justice Meeting**, May 24, 1 PM
- **Movie Night**, *Into the Woods*, May 28, 6 PM
- **Submit articles for the June monthly newsletter by Friday, May 29**

WHO IS MAKING THINGS WORK TODAY

- May Board Representative - Susie Norris
- Greeting you at the Door - Curtis Severns
- Av Team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes
- Presenting Today - Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies and Marla Loturco