

## 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, Aug. 2, 2026**

**10 A.M. - The Adult Forum**

Emily Dickinson section of the video: Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

**11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly**

***In Witness to Others***

**by the Rev. Eric Severson via video**

Rev. Eric Severson, served Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader for a quarter century, locally at congregations in Mukwonago and La Crosse, WI, and in the Prairie Star District and MidAmerica Region, before embarking on the path of professional ministry.

**Conversation and Calories** following the Morning Assembly



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# The Morning Program

**July 26, 2026**

## AI and Environmental Justice



**We are ...**



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

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# *The Climate Crisis and the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution stand as the two defining, interconnected challenges of the current era.*

by Parul Anand & Mark Coeckelbergh

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *Committed to Respond* by Lynn Harrison
- **Prelude:** *Wake Now My Senses* #298 Music from traditional Irish folk tune, “Slane” Performed by Craig Werth
- **Chalice Lighting:** *A Spark of Hope* by Melanie Davis
- **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:** *Welcoming Congregation*, by Brand Kosloski

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *The Dirty Truth of AI* by NAACP
- **1st Song:** *Holy Now* Words and music written by Peter Mayer
- **1st Reading:** *Environmental Cost of Artificial Intelligence: Carbon, Water, and Land Footprints* by UNU-INWEH Report: Aczel, M., Chamanara, S., Matin, M., Farsi, A., Marwala, T., Madani, K. (2026)

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *Prayer for Creation in Climate Crises* by Tera Landers
  - **Moment of Silence**, followed by Musical Response: *One Minute Giving Music*, composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *The AI Data Center Boom is an Environmental Justice Crisis* by Jacob Carter

- **2nd Song:** *Talking AI Data Center Blues*  
Written and Performed by Austin Skalecki
- **Discourse:** *AI and Environmental Justice*  
by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, written and performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *Our World is One World* #134 Words and Music by Cecily Taylor; Performed by Michael Tacy
- **Benediction:** *This is Our Calling* by D. Scott Cooper
- **Extinguishing the Chalice:**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*, by Jervy Hou

## PROGRAM NOTES

- The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies discusses the many ethical concerns related to AI that are detrimental to the environment. New AI Data centers impact the use of water and energy. Much of this environmental impact will be felt most acutely by the most vulnerable among us.

**Meetings:** Newcomers welcome

- **Committee on Ministry** meets today 12:40
- **Newsletter Deadline** was yesterday. If you still have something to submit, please get it to [news@redriveruu.org](mailto:news@redriveruu.org) as soon as possible.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

## Who is Making Things Happen Today

- July board representative - Jack Bolerjack
- Greeting you at the door - Doug Strong
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes, Vicki Kosloski
- Leading Today - The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies