

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. 16, 2026
10 A.M. - The Adult Forum**

The Legacy in the 20th Century and Beyond section of the video: Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly

The End of the World as We Know It
by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

Mark will explore how we might work together to end the world as we know it in order to create the world as it should be.



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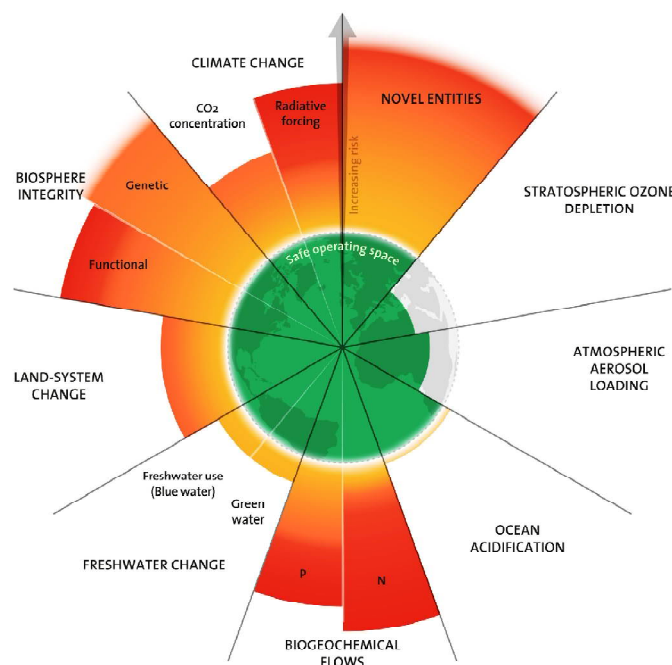


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The Morning Program

August 9, 2026

Planetary Boundaries



We are ...



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

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Planetary sustainability is a security issue because staying within planetary boundaries gives us stable societies, food security, water security and reduces conflicts. – Johan Rockström

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *In Our Circle Again* by Shari Woodbury
- **Prelude:** *Scarlatti Sonata in C major K. 159*
composed by Domenico Scarlatti and piano played by Leon McCawley
- **Chalice Lighting:** *Our Community Knows No Boundaries* by Nancy Reid-McKee
- **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:** *NTUUC* by Marilyn Alexander

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *Doughnut Economics* by Kate Raworth
- **1st Song:** 1073 *The Earth is Our Mother*
Performed by Lindblom Concert Choir
- **1st Reading:** *Planetary Health Check 2025* by Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *Even This Is Enough* by: Vanessa Rush Southern
 - **Moment of Silence**, followed by Musical Response: *One Minute Giving Music*, composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *Planetary Health Check 2025* by Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim
- **2nd Song:** *Pollution* composed and performed by Tom Lehrer

- **Discourse:** *Planetary Boundaries*
by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, written and performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *Cool Water* composed by Bob Nolan
Performed Hank Williams
- **Parting Thought:** *Planetary Health Check 2025*
by Johan Rockström
- **Extinguishing the Chalice:**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*,
by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- The Rev. Dr. Mark Y. A. Davies is an ordained United Methodist elder, professor of social and ecological ethics, and the director of the World House Institute for Social and Ecological Responsibility at Oklahoma City University.

Meetings: Newcomers welcome

- **Rainbow Team Meeting** 1:00
- **Lantern Room Crew** finalizing room setup 12:30 chapel
- **Lantern Room Opening Night** September 12, 7-10 P.M.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 P.M.
- **Free Children's Clothing Swap**, Saturday, Aug. 15
10:00 -- 2:00

Who is Making Things Happen Today

- July board representative - Jana Norris
- Greeting you at the door - Curtis Severns
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes, Vicki Kosloski
- Leading Today - The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies