

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. 23, 2026

10 A.M. - The Adult Forum

Margaret Fuller section of the video: Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly

***The Wisdom of Discernment:
Seeking Truth Amid the Noise***

by Curtis Severns

Everyday we're surrounded by an endless stream of headlines, opinions, advertisements, algorithms, and certainty. How do we separate signal from noise? This lighthearted discourse explores the value of discernment, the importance of asking good questions, and the humility to challenge our own assumptions. Curiosity and careful inquiry can help us navigate an increasingly noisy world while continuing our search for truth and meaning.



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The Morning Program

August 16, 2026

The End of the World as We Know It



We are ...



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

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I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better. — Maya Angelou

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *We, whose journeys are always beginning* by Marni Harmony
- **Prelude:** *Thunder Ridge* Written by Emmett Franz
Performed by The Petersons
- **Chalice Lighting:** *The End Is the Beginning* by Katie Sivani Gelfand
- **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:** *UUA* by Eva Novak

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *Is it too late to escape climate catastrophe?* by David Suzuki
- **1st Song:** #298 *Wake Now My Senses* Written by Thomas S. Mikelson Performed by Daniel Wiebe
- **1st Reading:** *Life After Doom* by Brian McLaren

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *On the Loom: A Prayer for the Work of the People* by: Joy Berry
 - **Moment of Silence**, followed by Musical Response: *One Minute Giving Music*,
Composed and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein
- **2nd Song:** *Eve of Destruction* Written by P. F. Sloan
Performed by The Turtles 1970

- **Discourse:** *The End of the World as We know It*
by The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, Written and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *End of the World as We Know It* Written by Bill Berry, Peter Buck, Mike Mills and Michael Stipe
Performed by R.E.M. 1987
- **Benediction:** *May You Be Changed* by Emily Richards
- **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

- **Board of Trustees Meeting** 12:40 p.m.
- **Lantern Room Opening Night** Sept.12, 7-10 p.m.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6 p.m.

Who is Making Things Happen Today

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