

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.
~ George Orwell

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Spirit of Life and Love
by Sue Ayer**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
Words: Louis Untermeyer | Music: Robert N. Quail | Unknown Performer
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
A Symbol of Learning and Love
by Elizabeth Harding**
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Stewardship Moment *with Jana Norris*

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ◆ Opening Thought
from *Einstein on Academic Freedom and Political Inquisitions* by Albert Einstein, published by Hank Reichman
- ◆ Singing Song - 1010
We Give Thanks
performed by Les Tacy*
- ◆ Reading
Joint Statement of AAUP Chapters Regarding the Ongoing Crisis at Columbia University

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - *with words, stillness, music*
Words: *Wiser Today* by Deb Cannon*
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Musical response: *Lief - Emotional, Reflexive, & Ambient Piano* by Oak Studios
- ◆ Reading
from *A Turning Point for University Leadership*
by Michael Roth
- ◆ Singing Song - 345
With Joy we Claim the Growing Light
Performed by Community UU Congregation White Plains, NY

DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The University and Human Flourishing
by the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
Those who wish may bring your gifts to the bowl
Offertory *New Relax Music-One minute piano*
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- ◆ Singing Song - 331
Life is the Greatest Gift of All
performed by Katy Taylor and Sheila Harwood
- ◆ Benediction
Teachers Everywhere
By Amy Zucker Morgenstern **
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice
*We extinguish these flames but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*
- ◆ Postlude
Abdelazer, Z. 570 Rondeau by Henry Purcell;
Performed by Taverner Consort, Andrew Parrott, conducting

*a Unitarian Universalist | **a Unitarian Universalist minister

PROGRAM NOTES

Our ongoing visiting minister the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, returns with another important discourse.

Today: The Red River Rainbow Team has their monthly meeting from 1-2 pm.

Today: Board Games happen from 2-5 pm and all who enjoy playing board games are warmly invited to join in the fun.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ April board representative: *Jana Norris*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Paula Jennings*
- ◆ Guest minister: *The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Liz Rapp*
- ◆ RE leader: *Jack*
- ◆ Caring Circle: *Susie Norris, Paula Jennings, David Dyer*

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. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing 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 the 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 who you are is welcome here.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

10 am - Adult Forum

Skeptics & Believers

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

Essence of Spring

The Worship Team, leading

Easter for Unitarian Universalists has, from time immemorial, replaced the focus from the resurrection of a savior to the rebirth of Spring. Flowers are peeking through the ground, trees are bursting forth scads of green leaves, and the length of our days is slowly increasing. It brings for us ways to explore the renewal of our energy and enthusiasm for life.

Join us on Easter for our Spring Extravaganza with our annual Flower Communion, planting of seeds ritual, and other fun spring topics.

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our take on the traditional coffee hour. We start in the upper lobby, circling the table filled with a variety of wonderful tidbits, then settle down for conversations. All are welcome.

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THE MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025



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