

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. 30 2026

10 A.M. - The Adult Forum

Country Music, the story of America using songs of the time, a film by Ken Burns

11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly

Income Inequality and UU the VOTE

by Jan Fletcher and the UU Social Justice Team

Speaking on "Income Inequality" they will reflect on the UU commitment to equality, justice, and civic engagement through worship, music, and shared conversation. During the service, we'll participate in the UU the Vote program by writing nonpartisan postcards encouraging voter participation. Supplies will be provided. postcard party following. Put our values into action.



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The Morning Program

August 23, 2026

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

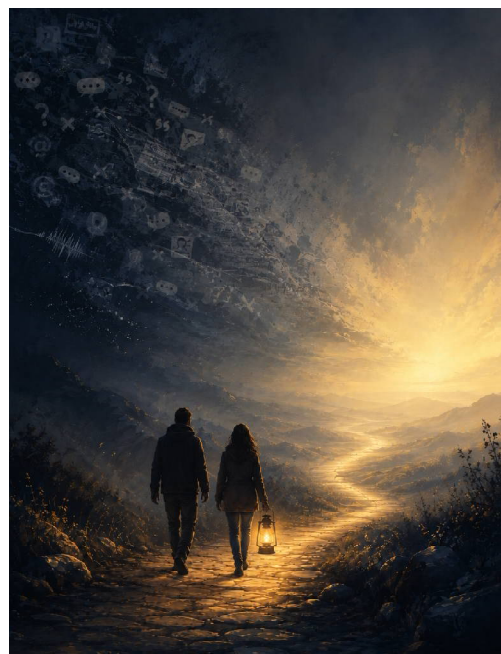


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We are ...



Spiritually Alive

Joyfully Inclusive

Justice Centered

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Healthy skepticism is like a microscope or telescope whose lenses we continually polish and adjust. Our view becomes sharper, though rarely perfect. We may think we see something early on, only to discover, with greater focus, that it was not what we first imagined. - Curtis Severns, inspired by Stanislaw Lem

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *Seeking Together* by Curtis Severns
- **Giving:** by Curtis Severns
- **Prelude:** *Both Sides, Now* Written & Performed by Joni Mitchell
- **Chalice Lighting:** *A Flame for the Search* by Curtis Severns
- **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:** *Small Group Ministry* by Marilyn Alexander

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *Becoming Better Seekers* by Curtis Severns
- **1st Song:** *The Logical Song* by Supertramp, Performed by The Graystones (cover)
- **1st Reading:** *Excerpt from James Randi* in NOVA: *Secrets of the Psychics* (WGBH/PBS, 1993)

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *Meditation - Room for Uncertainty* by Curtis Severns
 - **Moment of Silence**, followed by Musical Response: *One Minute Giving Music*, composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *Excerpt from Twilight of Democracy: The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism* by Anne Applebaum

- **2nd Song:** *Healthy Skepticism* Written & Performed by Michael Reed
- **Discourse:** *The Wisdom of Discernment: Seeking Truth Amid the Noise*, by Curtis Severns

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **3rd song:** *The Misconception Song* Written & Performed by George Hrab
- **Benediction:** *Carrying the Light* by Curtis Severns
- **Extinguishing the Chalice**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*, by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- Curtis Severns was a former president and Director Emeritus of the North Texas Skeptics. He works as an Industrial Maintenance Technician for a manufacturing company in Sherman, Texas. Most importantly, he is a devoted partner, father, and grandfather. He is someone who doesn't want to simply know; he wants to know how. A passion for learning influences his profession and his interests, which include physics and chess.

Meetings: Newcomers welcome

- **Committee on Ministry** 12:15 today in chapel
- **Social Justice Team** 1:00 today
- **Lantern Room** meets September 12, 7-10 p.m.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
- **September newsletter deadline** Monday Aug. 24

Who is Making Things Happen Today

- July board representative - Jana Norris
- Greeting you at the door - Amy Hoffman-Shehan
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes, Vicki Kosloski
- Leading Today - Curtis Severns