

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 App 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, May 31, 2026

10 A.M.

The Adult Forum

**Transcendental Women and the
Transcendentalist Movement**

11:15 A.M.

Music and the LGBTQIA Community

Jack Bolerjack and Brand Kosloski

Music has been an integral part of the Queer community for its entire history. From innuendo to bravely speaking our truths out loud; major hits to B side and forgotten references; it buoyed us along and let us know that we existed, that there IS a place for us and that we can be loved.



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The Morning Program

May 24, 2026



We are...



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

**Red River Unitarian Universalists Church
515 North Burnett Ave - Mail: PO BOX 1806
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“When crisis arrives, may we respond with caring; with calm; with clarity. May we root our actions in love when we show up for our neighbors. May we know that we are never completely alone” – From Good Neighbors on UUA.org

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community** - “Our Community Knows No Boundaries” by Nancy Reid-McKee, adapted
- **Prelude** – “We Belong to Each Other” written by Annie Schlaefel, based on a poem by Nikita Gill; Performed by Annie Schlaefel, Lucy London, and Ellie Davis
- **Chalice Lighting:** “Community Chalice Lighting”
By Atticus Palmer
- **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:** “Policies and Procedures Manual”
by Marla Loturco

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** “These Are My People” By Karen G. Johnston from Braver Wiser on March 18, 2026
- **1st Song:** “City of Heroes” – Written and Performed by Billy Bragg
- **1st Reading:** 468 “We Need One Another” by George E. Odell

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** ... “Infighting is Easier” by Teresa Honey Youngblood from Braver/Wiser on April 12, 2017
- **Musical Response:** “This Ground is Home” written and performed by Natalie Lovejoy
- **2nd Reading:** “Community Beatitudes” by Ashley Horan

- **2nd Song:** “Mutual Aid” Written and Performed by Christopher Tharby (Second Voice North)
- **Discourse:** *Everyone Can Do Something*, Service designed by Adrian Hinman and presented on video

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn’s Interlude*, Written and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** #1021 – “Lean On Me” Written by Bill Withers; Performed by Michael Tacy
- **Benediction:** “The Basket Woven” by Ma Theresa “Tet” Gustilo Galladrdo
- **Extinguishing the Chalice**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*, by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- Adrian Hinman has been a member of Red River UU since at least 2019. They helped initiate the Children's Clothing Swap and Nerdy New Year's event. They moved to Minneapolis, MN in June of 2025, less than six months before the city was invaded by the federal government.
- **Committee on Ministry**, 12:15 today
- **Social Justice Meeting**, today 1 PM
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM
- **Movie Night**, *Into the Woods*, May 28, 6 PM
- **Submit articles for the June monthly newsletter by Friday, May 29**

WHO IS MAKING THINGS WORK TODAY

- **May Board Representative** - Susie Norris
- **Greeting you at the Door** - Amy Hoffman-Shehan
- **AV Team** - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes
- **Presenting Today** - Adrian Hinman and Worship Associate, Thomas Garland