

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, July 5, 2026
10 A.M. - The Adult Forum

Thoreau, Abolition and John Brown section of the video:
Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist
Movement

11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly
A Revolution in Mind and Spirit

Written by Curtis Severns and delivered by Marilyn Alexander

Two hundred fifty years ago, a bold idea was set loose in the world. Not just that a group of colonies could become a nation—but that ordinary people could govern themselves. That legitimacy flowed from the people themselves.

This was not just a political revolution. It was also a spiritual one. Because long before muskets were fired...ideas were already changing—in pulpits, in pamphlets, in quiet conversations about who we are and what we are capable of becoming. And in those conversations, we find the early roots of what would become Unitarian Universalism.

Conversation and Calories following the Morning Assembly



QR to our worship survey



QR to our mobile app

The Morning Program

June 28, 2026

*Opening the Hand:
The Freedom of Letting Go*



We are...



Spiritually Alive
Joyfully Inclusive
Justice Centered

Red River Unitarian Universalists Church
515 North Burnett Ave - Mail: PO BOX 1806
Denison, TX 75020

Letting go . . . living life with an open palm . . . and mind. by Jo Walton, among others

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll
- **Prelude:** *B Minor Waltz (Remastered 2022)*, by Bill Evans
- **Chalice Lighting:** by Brand Kosloski
- **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:** *Caring Team*, by Susie Norris

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *Open Palm*, by Brand Kosloski
- **1st Song:** *Ain't No Man*, Words and Music: Scott and Seth Avett and Bob Crawford; Performed: The Avett Brothers
- **1st Reading:** from *De Profundis*, by Oscar Wilde

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *Guided Meditation*, by Peace and Love
- **A Time for Stillness:**
- **Musical Response:** *You are Special*, Words and Music: Fred Rogers; Performed by Peace and Love
- **2nd Reading:** from *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, by Thich Nhat Hanh
- **2nd Song:** *No Hard Feelings*, Words and Music: Scott and Seth Avett and Bob Crawford; Performed by The Avett Brothers
- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, written and performed by Dan Althoff

- **Discourse:** *Opening the Hand: The Freedom of Letting Go*, by Brand Kosloski, Leading

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **3rd song:** *Turtles All the Way Down*, Words, Music, and Performed by Sturgill Simpson
- **Closing:** Brand Kosloski
- **Extinguishing the Chalice:** Brand Kosloski
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*, by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- Raised in the Texoma area, Brand Kosloski brings a grounded and thoughtful presence shaped by family, curiosity, and compassion. He and his wife, Vicki, have shared 24 years of marriage, and her steady love and support have been a meaningful foundation in both his life and faith journey. Together, they have a family centered around love, resilience, and connection. Brand is the proud father of four daughters and one granddaughter, who remain at the heart of his life and values. Brand is a member of the Emergency Response Team, Social Justice committee and the Worship team. Outside of church, Brand has a deep love for music, books, poetry, and animals of every kind. He also spends time studying Buddhism, drawing inspiration from its teachings on mindfulness, kindness, and inner peace. His approach to faith and community is rooted in openness, reflection, and genuine care for others

Meetings: Newcomers welcome

- **Membership Committee** meets today 12:15
- **Committee on Ministry** meets today 12:30
- **Social Justice** meeting cancelled today
- **Thursday Night Movies**, postponed until July
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

WHO IS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- June board representative - Cristin Mackey
- Greeting you at the door - Doug Strong
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes