

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 19, 2026

10 A.M.

The Adult Forum

Frederick Douglas part of the video

Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

11:15 A.M.

Songs in the Key of Resistance

by The Rev. Erin Walker, via video.

From the streets of Minneapolis to the ICE detention centers in Texas, music is playing a powerful role in resistance to authoritarianism. Join UU Rev. Erin Walter - minister and executive director of the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM) and singer/bassist for the activist rock band Parker Woodland -- for a special service centered in music, justice, and hope.



QR to our worship survey



QR to our mobile app

The Morning Program

July 12, 2026

Systemic Corruption



*The system is broken. If we do not act **NOW**, then perhaps it is broken beyond repair.*

We are...



Spiritually Alive

Joyfully Inclusive

Justice Centered

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

*Power attracts the corruptible.
Suspect any who seek it.* by Frank Herbert

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *Justice Is Our Prayer*, by Rebekah Savage
- **Prelude:** *Only Time*, Written by Enya Performed by Carrie Tollett
- **Chalice Lighting:** *Opening to the Light*, by SarahRuth Wekoye Davis
- **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:** *Chalice Circles and Interest Groups*, by Megan Hutchinson

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, by Edward Gibbon
- **1st Song:** *We Rise*, Written and Composed by Batya Levine Performed by Batya Levine and Friends This song is included in the New UU Hymnal
- **1st Reading:** *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*, by George Orwell
- **Practices:** *We Are Whole*, by Beth Lefever
 - **Moment of Silence & Musical Interlude**
One Minute Giving Music, Composed and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** From The 2025 Corruption Perceptions Index

- **Second Song:** *Gimme Some Truth*, Written by John Lennon, Performed by John Lennon and George Harrison

- **Discourse:** *Systemic Corruption*, by the Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, Composed and Performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *Better Man*, Performed by Playing for Change Project featuring Keb' Mo' Written by Kevin Moore and Anders Osborne
- **Benediction:** From The 2025 Corruption Perceptions Index
- **Extinguishing the Chalice**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece –Improv*, by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- The Rev. Dr Mark Y.A. Davies again joins us to impart his ethics wisdom. We always appreciate his research and viewpoint.
- **Conversation and Calories** today following Morning Assembly
- **Rainbow Team** monthly meeting today at 1:00
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

WHO IS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- July board representative - Jack Bolerjack
- Greeting you at the door - Amy Hoffman-Shehan
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes, Vicki Kosloski
- Presenting Today - The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies