

## 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, July 26, 2026**

**10 A.M. - The Adult Forum**

Walt Whitman section of the video: Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

**11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly**

**AI and Environmental Justice**

The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies leading

Among the many ethical concerns related to AI is the detrimental environmental impact owing to the water and energy use of new AI Data centers, and much of this environmental impact will be felt most acutely by the most vulnerable among us.

**Conversation and Calories** following the Morning Assembly



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# The Morning Program

**July 19, 2026**

**Texas UU Justice Ministry:**  
*Songs in the Key of Resistance*



**We are...**



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

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*Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive because what the world needs are people who have come alive.* by Dr. Howard Thurman

## GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *To Be a Unitarian Universalist*  
by Erika Hewitt
- **Prelude:** *Imagine*, by John Lennon
- **Chalice Lighting:** words 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:** *Justice in Ministry*, by Jan Fletcher as told to Michael Lagocki

## EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** words by the Rev. Erin Walter
- **1st Song:** *We Are the Movement*, Music by the Peace Poets,  
Performed by Song in the Key of Resistance
- **1st Reading:** *Excerpt from Dreaming the Dark*  
(1982), by Starhawk

## EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *A Guided Meditation to Resist By*, by Brand Kosloski
  - **A Time for Stillness followed by Musical Response:** *One Minute Giving Music*,  
composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *Songs of the Universe*, by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti
- **2nd Song:** *I Am Willing*, Music by Holly Near; Performed:  
Parker Woodland
- **Discourse:** *Texas UU Justice Ministry: Songs in the Key of Resistance*, by the Rev. Erin Walter via video

## CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** *The Joy*, Music, trad. spiritual Performed by Resistance Revival Chorus
- **Closing:** words by the Rev. Erin Walter
- **Benediction:** by the Rev. Erin Walter via video
- **Extinguishing the Chalice:**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*,  
by Jervy Hou

## PROGRAM NOTES

- The Rev. Erin J. Walter (she/her) serves as the minister and executive director of the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry, where her work centers on anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, bodily autonomy, and other issues of collective liberation. Rev. Erin is a fourth-generation and a former Austin-American Statesman reporter. Her book *Care for the World: Reflections on Community Ministry* was published by Skinner House, and she received the UU Women's Federation's inaugural Sermon Award in 2017. Rev. Erin serves on the advisory boards of Texas Impact and the SIMS Foundation, and is an affiliated minister of the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship.
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**Meetings:** Newcomers welcome

- **Board of Trustees** meets today 12:40
- **Submit articles for the August Newsletter**, July 25
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

## Who is Making Things Happen Today

- July board representative - Jack Bolerjack
- Greeting you at the door - Curtis Severns
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes, Vicki Kosloski
- Leading Today - The Reverend Erin Walter, assisted by Jan Fletcher and Brand Kosloski