

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. 9 2026

10 A.M. - The Adult Forum

19th Century Transcendentalists section of the video:

Emerson and

Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement

11:15 A.M. - Morning Assembly

Planetary Boundaries

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

Scientists have identified nine planetary boundaries that we should not cross if we are to experience a sustainable future. Currently, we are surpassing seven of the nine boundaries, and returning within the boundaries will be much more challenging than it would have been never to surpass them.



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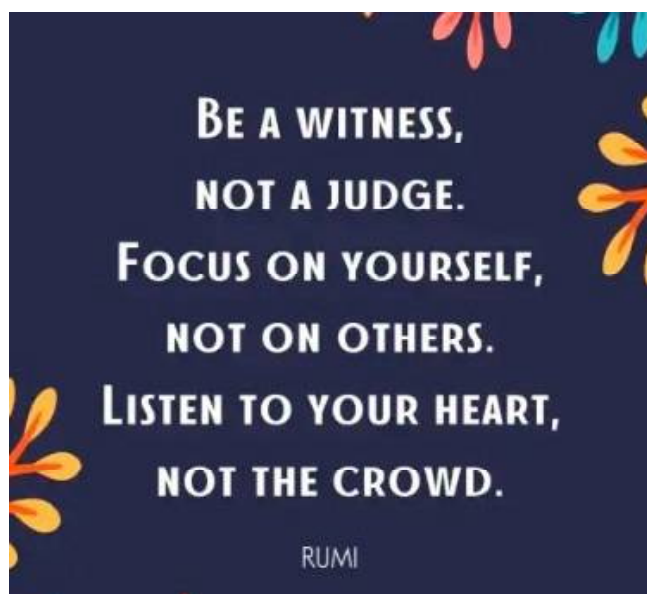


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The Morning Program

August 2, 2026

In Witness to Others



We are ...



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

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Denison, TX 75020

*Kindness is the language which the deaf
can hear and the blind can see.* by Mark Twain

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** *We Gather* by Pat Uribe-Lichty
- **Prelude:** *Nature Boy* written by Eden Ahbez;
Vocals by Siri Svegler; Piano by Annette Wiszixiz;
Guitar by Andreas Gabel; Bass by Randy Scott
- **Chalice Lighting:** *To Love Life* by Daniel Chesney
Kanter
- **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:** *Reproductive Justice Congregation*, by
Megan Hutchinson

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **Opening Thought:** The Description of *In Witness to Others* by Rev. Eric Severson
- **1st Song:** 1012 *When I am Frightened* Words and Music
by Shelly Jackson Denham, arr. Geannie Gaghe; performed by
Melanie Willison
- **1st Reading:** *Kindness to the Thousandth Generation* by Ana Levy-Lyons; and Excerpt from UU World Magazine 3/1/2020 *Ten Blessings*

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- **Practices:** *For Attention to One Another* by Rev.
Michelle Collins, read by Rev. Eric Severson; Musical
meditation by: Melanie Willison
 - **Moment of Silence**, followed by Musical
Response: *One Minute Giving Music*,
composed and performed by Dan Althoff
- **2nd Reading:** *Power of Paying Attention to Our
Impact on Others* by Sam Keeler

- **2nd Song:** *Give Yourself to Love*
Written by Kate Wolf; Performed by Holly Hanson
- **Discourse:** *In Witness to Others*
by The Rev. Eric Severson

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, written and performed
by Dan Althoff
- **3rd song:** 1053 *How Could Anyone* Words
and Music Libby Roderick Performed by SAC Gay Men's
Chorus
- **Benediction:** *The Art of Truly Noticing* by Rev. Michelle
Collins, read by Rev. Eric Severson
- **Extinguishing the Chalice:**
- **Postlude:** *A Short Beautiful Piano Piece – Improv*,
by Jervy Hou

PROGRAM NOTES

- The Rev. Eric Severson, served Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader for a quarter century, locally at congregations in Mukwonago and La Crosse, WI, and in the Prairie Star District and MidAmerica Region, before embarking on the path of professional ministry.

Meetings: Newcomers welcome

- **Committee on Ministry** meets today 12:40
- **Lantern Room** meets September 12
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM

Who is Making Things Happen Today

- July board representative - Jana Norris
- Greeting you at the door - Doug Strong
- AV team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes,
Vicki Kosloski
- Leading Today - The Rev. Eric Severson on video
and Worship Associate, Thomas Garland