

## 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, June 28, 2026**

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

**Transcendentalism and Education section of the video: Emerson and Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement**

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

**Finding Freedom Through Letting Go**

Brand Kosliski, *leading*

Much of our suffering arises from trying to control what was never ours to hold—other people, their choices, and life's unpredictable circumstances. In this thoughtful and reflective morning assembly, Brand draws on Buddhist wisdom to explore the practice of letting go—not as resignation, but as a pathway to clarity and compassion.

Together, we will consider how loosening our grip on what cannot be changed can create space for deeper peace, greater acceptance, and a renewed sense of freedom in our daily lives.



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# The Morning Program

**June 21, 2026**

*Celebrate  
the Longest Day of the Year*



**We are...**



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

**Red River Unitarian Universalists Church**  
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Denison, TX 75020

## *The Summer Solstice—a moment of wild abundance, golden light, and old magic.*

by Kerry Thorn

### GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- **Call to Community:** Gray Hymnal, *Reading #420*, by Annie Dillard
- **Prelude** – Hymn # 188, *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*, by Lynn Adair Ungar, performed by Church of the Larger Fellowship
- **UU Snippet:** *Safe Congregation Policy*, by Marla Lorturco
- **1st Reading:** *Summer Beckons*, by Jadine Lydia
- **2nd Reading:** *Summer Solstice*, by Molly M. Remer of Brigid's Coven
- **Opening Thought:** Explaining the outline of pagan ritual, by Jana Norris
- **1st Song:** Hymn 1067, *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden*, by Amanda Udis-Kessler, performed by Congregation of Columbia
- **Chalice Lighting:** Adaptation from a Reclaiming Full Moon ritual by Starhawk and Glenys Livingstone
- **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**
- **2nd Song:** Hymn 51, *Lady of the Season's Laughter*, by David Hurd, performed by Annie Patterson

### EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- **3rd Reading:** Gray Hymnal, *Reading #417*, by Barbara Pescan

- **Discourse:** *Celebrating the Longest Day of the Year*, by Jana Norris

### CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- **3rd song:** *Here Comes the Sun*, performed by the Beatles
- **Practices:** Guided Meditation by Jana Norris
- **Giving:** *Carolyn's Interlude*, written and performed by Dan Althoff
- **4th song:** *One Fire*, words and music by Jason McLelland, performed by Polk Co. Pagan Market
- **Benediction:** adapted from Anonymous by Jana Norris
- **Extinguishing the Chalice**
- **Postlude:** *May the Circle be Open*, by Rowand Whitewolf

### PROGRAM NOTES

- Jana Norris is President of Red River Unitarian Universalist Church. She is a retired lawyer and resides in Sherman with her husband and son.

### **Newcomers are welcome to attend any meetings.**

- **Red River UU Board of Trustees, today, 12:50 P.M.**
- **Overeaters Anonymous** meets Mondays at 6:00 PM
- **Movie Night**, June 25 6:00 P.M., *Secondhand Lions*
- **Newsletter Articles Deadline, June 27, 10:00 P.M.**

### WHO IS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN TODAY

- June Board Representative - Cristin Mackey
- Greeting You at the Door - Amy Hoffman-Shehan
- AV Team - Carole Harner, Liz Rapp, Jim Holmes
- Leading Today - Jana Norris with Jack Bolerjack assisting