

Everyone wants Sunday Morning Worship to be perfect, but perfect for one may not be for another. The Worship Team wants to learn from each of us exactly how we experience worship. This is important to keep Red River UU Church healthy and fulfilling to our attendees. That's the purpose of this survey. It will take you about 10 minutes to complete. This survey is completely anonymous.

Statistical information is only helpful when everyone answers every question. Therefore, please answer every multiple choice question. The spaces for open-ended comments are all options. Please be thoughtful, be honest, and be forthright! All comments will be considered. You may take the survey on-line, by printed copy, or by phone with a Worship Team member. The more responses we receive, the more meaningful the information. Please participate.

The deadline for returning your survey (however you select to take it) is September 10, 2023. We will discuss the results during the upcoming Fall Congregational Meeting.

* 1. Some Elements of our worship experience – Each Sunday we tend to follow an order for the morning. Some of the elements will be included in each service, Candles of Community, Chalice Lighting, Affirmation, Giving, Extinguishing the Chalice. Optional elements are listed below – please check which response best fits your own experience. (mark only one per row)

	Like	Neutral	Dislike
a. Greeting one another during the hour			
b. Practices (Meditation / prayer)			
c. Moment of Silence with musical response			
d. open dialogue (question & answer) during the service			
e. Responsive Readings			
f. Singing songs / hymns			
g. variety in the flow of the morning			
Any additional comments?			

* 2. unique UU rituals or traditional holidays. Let us know your thoughts about each of the events listed below by marking the answer that best describes your feelings. (Mark only one per row)

	Like	Neutral	Dislike
a. Association Sunday (in support of the UUA)			
b. Burning Bowl			
c. Chalice			
d. Christmas Eve			
e. Easter			
f. Flower Communion			
g. Labor of Love Sunday (work day)			
h. Musical Programs			
i. New member ceremonies			
j. sharing services (poetry, readings, music, etc.)			
k. Solstice services			

I. UU-UNO Sunday (United Nations)			
m. Water Communion			
Any additional comments?			

* 3. Sermon/Remarks – Now think about the sermon / the talk / the presentation ~ the central message of the morning by whatever name we use. The UU’s have consistently ranked this part of the service as the most important element of worship. Here’s a list of topics, tell us how important each topic is for you. (mark only one answer per row)

	Like	Neutral	Dislike
a. Credo Sundays (when Red River UUsers share their personal credo statements)			
b. Current Topics in the News			
c. Denominational Affairs (i.e. “Standing on the Side of Love”, “Guest at our Table”)			
d. Ethical issues			
e. Inviting church members and friends to speak			
f. Other religious traditions			
g. philosophical questions			
h. Relationship issues			
i. Social Actions / Justice			
j. Spirituality Like Neutral Dislike			
k. Stage readings / plays Like Neutral Dislike			
l. The human condition			
m. The larger UU movement (i.e. UU-UNO, UU Service Committee, BLUU)			
n. UU History			
o. UU Theology			
Any additional Topics			

*4. Guest Speakers & Ministers – Finding speakers is not easy. Please think about services you’ve attended and mark the speakers you enjoyed. (check all that apply). Please use comments for speakers we forgot or speakers you would like to recommend.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Adrian Hinman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Holston (Immigration)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Young (UUA So Region)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornell Kinderknecht (flute Concerts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credo Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Polk

	Don Fielding
	Elena Westbrook
	Elbert Hill
	Jana Norris
	Marion Hill
	Marla Loturco
	Mark Davies
	Natalie Briscoe (UUA So Region)
	Peter Schulze
	Tom Nelson (music)
	Walter Norris
	Tashi
	Worship Team Sundays

Any additional speakers? Please provide contact information if possible

*5. It is difficult to find speakers each week, and with limited financial resources, we incorporate video messages into the morning. What is your reaction to the use of videos? (Mark only one)

- A. Videos are a fine way to solve this issue.
- b. When there is a video I skip the morning

Any additional suggestions or comments?

* 6. Why you come – or don't come.

Talk to us about your Sunday morning at church. What brings you? Here are some potential reasons, check all that apply and feel free to add others in the comments box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Attending Adult Forum
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being inspired, uplifted, encouraged
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feeling of peace
<input type="checkbox"/>	Having a spiritual experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Having the topic listed in "Red River Ramblings" and the "Wednesday Update"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual stimulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning something
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seeing friends
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fellowship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being able to attend via Zoom

	Being able to watch the service later via Facebook or YouTube
	To support the church
	It is what I do on Sunday mornings
	Currently not attending church

Any additional reasons?

7. If you are currently not coming to church, please tell us why (remember this survey is absolutely anonymous). For Red River UU to grow - this is an essential question for those not attending

8. Participation – Would you be interested in participating in the Sunday service? (Because this survey is anonymous, you will need to speak with the worship or AV team, we just want to get a feel if people are interested. (Mark only one answer per row)

	Yes	Maybe	No
a. Audio Visual			
b. Worship Associate			
c. Worship Team			
d. Video scouting (help find videos on YouTube and Vimeo)			

Any additional comments?

9. Anything else you would like to share about worship at Red River UU?

10. Are you aware we post our service videos and discourse only videos on YouTube and Facebook?

a. Aware?	Yes	No
b. Watched?	Yes	No