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Our next Fourth Sunday In-Person Service:

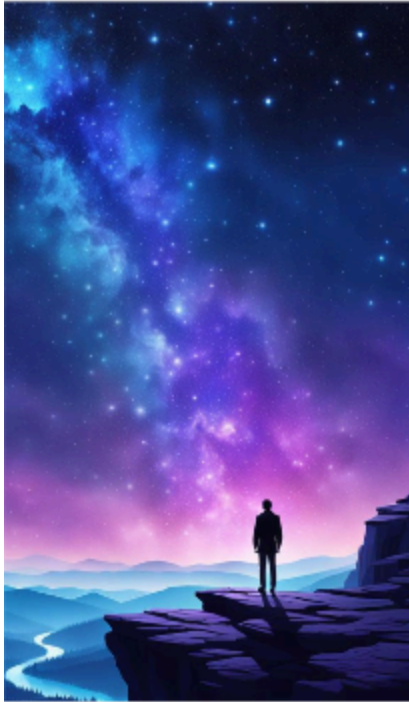
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## The Great Mystery: Who Has the Answer?



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN-PERSON SERVICE**

*We all long for answers to deep existential questions that explore the meaning, purpose, and value of human existence. During this service, the Rev. Phil C. Mason will help us ponder questions, like: Are we part of something larger than ourselves? What is our purpose in life? How do we find meaning in life? What is freedom and our associated responsibilities? Rev. Mason is a “retired” Episcopalian priest who has “flunked” retirement because he frequently speaks at UU churches and serves as an interim minister for Episcopal churches.*

**AUGUST 25, 2024 10:30 AM**

South Austin Senior Activity Center  
3911 Menchaca Road  
Austin, TX 78704

Aug 20, 2024

Thur Aug 22

5:00 pm - Independent Women with Joan

Link: to be emailed

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Fri Aug 23

5:00 pm - Friday Fellowship

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9510683516>

Sun Aug 25

\* 11:00 to Noon - Fourth Sunday In-Person Service at SASAC

Sermon: The Great Mystery: Who Has the Answer? We all long for answers to deep existential questions that explore the meaning, purpose, and value of human existence. During this service the Rev. Phil C. Mason will help us ponder questions like: Are we part of something larger than ourselves? What is our purpose in life? How do we find meaning in life? What is freedom and our associated responsibilities? Rev. Mason is a “retired” Episcopalian priest who has “flunked” retirement because he frequently speaks at UU churches and serves as an interim minister for Episcopal churches. After “retirement” Rev. Phil and his wife, Susan, moved back to Texas and live near San Marcos and Wimberley where Phil enjoys woodworking and playing Native American flutes and where he and Susan play with their large dogs, watch birds, and appreciate nature.

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/live/SvuTKfxt3FE?feature=share>

\* Noon to 2:00 - Strategic Planning Session

OHM fellowship will gather after the Fourth Sunday in-person service with a bite to eat before we begin our planning session.

This is an important step in designing our future. We hope to see you there. Please let Mary know if you plan to attend by August 22

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Sat Sept 14

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

OHM's Third Annual Interdependence Day, Dick Nichols District Park, Covered Pavilion, 8011 Beckett Road, Austin.

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### Upcoming In-Person Services

Sept 22

Our Sacred Planet: Water Communion

Oct 27

Rev. Art Severance speaking on 'Halloween: Masks, Myth, Magic, Mystery, and Metaphors'

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### Other News

UUMUAC's 3rd Wednesday Vesper Service

Wed Aug 21 7:00 pm Central Time

Rev. Jack Reich speaking on "Are the Abrahamic Religions Dead?" We look to religion in part to give us a morality that improves human life. But what we are getting from the

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Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129661144>.

Meeting ID: 841-2966-1144

Fifth Principle Project: A new Discussion has been posted: A Liberal Religion Should Promote Liberal Principles, by Tim Bartik.

Discussion Excerpt: "Keep the Faith." As dissident Unitarian Universalists seek to create sustainable liberal religious institutions, they should remember what led to the UUA's mistakes.

Discussion Link: <https://fifthprincipleproject.org/2024/08/20/a-liberal-religion-should-promote-liberal-principles-by-tim-bartik/>

Thurs Oct 17 to Sun Oct 20

First Annual NAUA Summit - Registration now Open!

NAUA is making plans for our first annual Summit in Spokane, WA. We hope the Summit will serve all our needs for connection, learning, and fun. Find the tentative Summit Schedule, registration, and hotel booking details at <https://naunitarians.org/summit/>.

All sessions will be available on Zoom.

The latest issue of NAUA's *Liberal Beacon* is available here:

<https://naunitarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/LB-Iss.-12-JulyAugust-2024.pdf>

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View Open Minds & Hearts Services on YouTube anytime

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGZpCRDk3vA&t=494s>

### OHM Scheduled Meetings

*(Open to members and friends)*

#### Weekly

Tuesday afternoon - Second Sunday Service planning

Tuesday evening - News and events email sent

Friday evening - Friday Fellowship

#### Monthly

First Wednesday morning - Fourth Sunday Service planning

Second Sunday Service morning - Zoom Service

Second Monday evening - OHM Board

Third Monday afternoon - Book Group

Fourth Sunday morning - In-Person Service

#### Every other week

First & Third Friday morning - Sharing & Caring with Michael

First & Third Sunday morning - Ideas Worth Contemplating with

Mike Ig (not hosted by OHM Fellowship)

#### Every other month

Third Sunday - Soul Collage with Joan (beginning Jan 2024)

Social Action Committee

#### Quarterly

Monday afternoon - Movies & More (Next meeting Oct 7)

Open Hearts & Minds Fellowship Values

*We believe in making the world a better place by  
treating each other well and working for the common good.*

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We value reason, critical thinking, intuition, and emotional awareness.  
We treat ourselves with kindness, realizing we are not perfect.

**Within Our Fellowship**

We encourage growth and development in each other.  
We nurture the human spirit through acceptance, forgiveness, kindness, and mercy.  
We celebrate our joys and support one another in times of sorrow.

**With Others**

We believe in the potential for good in every person.  
We listen with compassion and encourage justice, equity, and cooperation in human relationships.  
We support transparent governance, the democratic process, and freedom of conscience.

**With the Earth and Our Future**

We work for the common good and nurture our global community.  
We are part of something much bigger than ourselves and recognize the miracles of everyday life.  
We acknowledge the sacredness of the Earth and our responsibility to cherish and protect it for future generations.



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