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Welcome!

We are so glad that you are here.

We aspire to be a church that lives and practices racial justice principles, and that welcomes all, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, skin color, or economic status. At First Universalist, our mission is to practice giving, receiving, and growing into Love's people. This is the path we invite you to walk with us.

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. **Our next orientation takes place August 17;** meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up needed and coffee & childcare are provided.

The Visiting Families Welcome Station at the north end of the Religious Education wing has information about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Stop by if you are interested in learning more, or email our Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Lauren Wyeth, at lauren@firstuniv.org.

Hearing Devices are available - please ask an usher. Cushions are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service.

We also have Fragrance-Free rows marked in the balcony.

For more information about First Universalist, go to our website: www.firstuniversalistchurch.org stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.



CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service

July 13, 2013 Emerge \$448
July 6, 2014 MUUSJA \$560
June 29, 2014 Racial Justice \$385
June 22, 2014 Y.C.E \$549

Make-A-Wish Fundraiser

As a part of their Summer of Service, the elementary children will be collecting donations for the Make-a-Wish Foundation following the 10:00 service. At the beginning of the summer the children all voted on what causes they would like to support and Make-a-Wish was near the top of their list. They will be handing out star stickers for every coin they collect. Now's the time to empty that penny jar for a good cause!

Your invitation to sing in Summer Choir

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but you can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you. The Summer Choir is scheduled to sing August 24.

Rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the service. Yes, only one rehearsal on the day of the service. Music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact: randy@firstuniv.org

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Let Them Know You Care

Looking for a small, yet powerful way to make a difference? Send a card to someone experiencing a significant joy or sorrow in their life. Each Sunday, we honor those who are living through a major life transition during our worship service and in our printed Cycle of Life. To extend a gesture of care and connection, write them a card in the Welcome Center, which is the small room in the atrium located between the social hall and the education wing. Simply select a card, write a caring message, and drop it in the basket provided.

ART EXHIBIT

Our Current exhibit in the Social Hall features fine art collage pieces by Madeleine Lowry. This is a fundraiser for Camp Unistar and all artist proceeds from art sales will be donated to the Camp Unistar Foundation. The exhibit runs through August 31.



Lake Harriet Bandshell Service!

Join us for an energizing worship service and a potluck lunch at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on **Sunday, August 3 at 10am.** The Universal Jazz Band may just blow the top off the bandshell! Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and utensils. This will be our only worship service that Sunday.

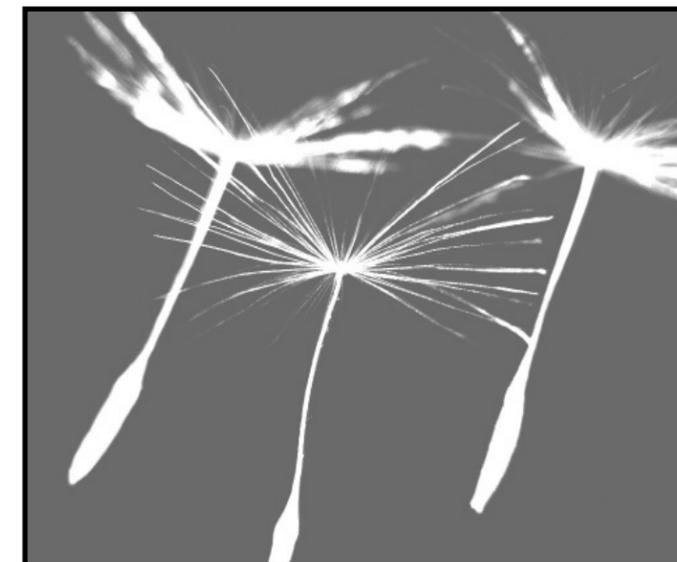
Church 'Spruce Up' August 4th to 9th

We will be re-painting the back wall of the chancel and four of the classrooms during the first week in August. A poster showing the new chancel colors is on display Sundays in the narthex or social hall. We extend our gratitude to the Association of Universalist Women (AUW) for generously donating the funds to paint the chancel. If you can volunteer some help, please sign up online here: <http://firstuniversalist-church.org/online-forms/>. We hope to see you there!



First Universalist Church
of Minneapolis

*In the Universalist spirit of love and hope,
we give, receive, and grow.*



What Is Beauty For?

Jill Braithwaite

July 27, 2014

Music for Gathering

Andrew Bourgoin

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Bell Sound

Prelude

Awesome in This Place
-Bill Wolaver

Andrew Bourgoin

Call to Worship

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Opening Hymn 21

For The Beauty of The Earth

Lighting the Chalice

*Love is the spirit of this church,
and service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.*

-James V. Blake
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Musical Interlude

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Hymn of Prayer 123

Spirit of Life (seated)

*Spirit of life, come unto me,
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.
Spirit of Life, come to me. Come to me.*

-Carolyn McDade
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Reading

The Invisible Embrace of Beauty
-John O'Donohue

Jill Braithwaite

From *This Is Water*
-David Foster Wallace

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Anthem Choir

Psalm 23
-Bobby McFerrin

First Universalist Summer Choir
Conducted by Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

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Offertory

Sun of My Soul
-arranged by Tom Fettke

Andrew Bourgoin

Closing Hymn 1008

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Closing Words

Jill Braithwaite

Blessing in Song 413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Worship Leaders

Jill Braithwaite	Church Member
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries
Andrew Bourgoin	Summer Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
First Universalist Summer Choir	

Jill Braithwaite currently serves First Universalist on the Board of Trustees and on a Welcome Team. Jill works in publishing and is also pursuing an M.A. degree at United Theological Seminary, with a concentration in theology and the arts.

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries
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Offering

Minnesota Neighborhoods Organizing for Change

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee.

Summer Worship Theme: Seeds

Hidden in the seed is wonder: the possibility of prairie grass, the manifestations of marigolds, the surprising turn of events when we plant hope in our lives. Whether we plant seeds in our backyard or in gestures of social justice, we enter the divine amplification system that deeply connects our actions to the creative energy of Spirit. As a wise man once said, a world of justice and peace is like a mustard seed, that when planted grows up to become the greatest of all shrubs, so great that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. This summer we will explore the theme of seeds. What seeds are we planting to grow a more whole and holy world? What seeds are you planting to grow a more whole and holy life?

What is our part in the divine amplification system?

Upcoming preachers:

August 3: Lake Harriet Bandshell Service and Potluck! Service is at 10AM with a potluck to follow; bring a dish to share. Rev. Justin Schroeder will be preaching

August 10: Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink preaching "The Promise of Promises"

Don't forget to collect and save water from a sacred place this summer! We'll gather and merge the waters on September 7, at our Water Communion service.