



RACIAL JUSTICE

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & DIRECT ACTION

Climate Justice and Racial Justice Workshop

TODAY, April 19 at 12:45 PM, Sanctuary

Curious about the intersection between climate justice and racial justice? You don't want to miss this workshop! TODAY, starting at 12:45 p.m., Dr. Heather Hackman will be leading a 90 minute workshop exploring the ways that race and climate justice intersect.

Black Lives Matter: Preparation, Action, and Reflection

Join us in a three-part journey of preparation, action, and reflection as we stand with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis for justice and equity in our schools and in our country. Youth welcome!

Prepare: Direct Action Training with Liz Loeb and Lena K. Gardner. Learn how to peacefully and faithfully participate in direct action. Sunday, April 26, 1:30-4:00pm in the Chalice Room

Act: Black Lives Matter Student Walkout and Rally, Friday, May 1, 12:00pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis.

Reflect: Reflection and De-Brief with Liz Loeb, Lena K. Gardner, and Rev. Justin Schroeder.
Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00pm in the Chalice Room

24 Hour Racial Justice Training this Fall

You're invited to apply to participate in the next 24 hour racial justice training led by Dr. Heather Hackman this fall! We'll be partnering with members from Judson Memorial Baptist Church in this training, as they deepen their commitment to becoming a faith community committed to racial justice. There is room for 30 First Universalist participants in this training, and we expect these spots to fill up fast. The trainings are scheduled for Saturdays, Oct 3rd, November 7th, and November 21rd from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information about these trainings, and sign-up instructions, visit:
firstuniversalistchurch.org/fall-2015-rjt/

Worship Theme: The Big Questions

Church is one place where we ask the big questions. We venture into the unknowable, the big questions with curiosity, and humility because we know ourselves as marvelous, and a speck of dust, all in the same breath of being. Join us this month when we delve into the big questions: What is the nature of being human? Why is there so much despair? What is holy? What is wholeness? Is there evil? What is this wondrous thing called life?

THE PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

Feeling like First Universalist could be your spiritual home? Our next Pathway to Membership class is a two-session experience on Sundays, April 19 and 26 from 1-4pm. To sign up, contact the Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink at Elaine@Firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701x124.

Capturing Nature Art Exhibit

Three artists--Erin Mason, Jo Ann Musumeci, and Jill Ewald--are all interested in capturing nature in their art work. These artists will be available to talk with you about their artwork TODAY-- Sunday, April 19--at a reception after both services.



WELCOME!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service:

- 4/5 Racial Justice \$1,161
- 3/29 Youth Cultural Exchange \$810
- 3/22 Racial Justice \$960
- 3/15 Beacon Interfaith Housing \$1,259

To nominate an offering recipient, go to:
www.firstuniversalistchurch.com/offering-plate

Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Our next orientation takes place: TODAY! April 19th

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 45-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.

LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy--please let us know. If you'd like to be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, please contact Sandy diNanni at (sandy@firstuniv.org) or (612) 825-1701.

If you would like support, please contact Rev. Jen Crow (jen@firstuniv.org or 825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

We are so glad that you are here.

At First Universalist Church, in the spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow.

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act outside of our walls; we listen to where love is calling us next.

We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

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.

The Weekly Liberal

Want to know what's going on at First Universalist Church? *The Weekly Liberal* (our weekly newsletter) is for you! If you aren't already on the e-news distribution list and would like to be, simply sign up online by visiting our website or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, too, that paper copies of *The Weekly Liberal* will always be available in the office and at Sunday's services.



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A NEW LENS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER
DR. HEATHER HACKMAN

APRIL 19, 2015

Music for Gathering

Comptine d'été No. 1
-Yann Tiersen

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude

Times Like These
-Ellis Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Call to Worship

Rama Hart

Opening Hymn #1008 (please rise in body or spirit)

When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place
(teal hymnal)

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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Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Hymn of Prayer # 123 (please remain seated)

Spirit of Life
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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Musical Offering

Al Gore Broke My Heart
-Ellis Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Sermon

A New Lens on Climate Justice

Rev. Justin Schroeder
Dr. Heather Hackman

Offertory

How Would It Be
-Ellis Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Closing Hymn #1064

Blue Boat Home

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Comptine d'été No. 3
-Yann Tiersen

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Dr. Heather Hackman Guest Speaker
Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist

Worship Guests:

Dr. Heather Hackman has been teaching and training on social justice issues since 1992 and was a professor in the Department of Human Relations and Multicultural Education at St. Cloud State University in St Cloud, Minnesota for 12 years before she began focusing full time on consulting. She has taught courses in social justice and multicultural education (pre-service and in-service teachers), race and racism, heterosexism and homophobia, social justice education (higher education leadership), oppression and social change, sexism and gender oppression, class oppression, and Jewish oppression.

Ellis Delaney is a member of First Universalist Church, with her partner Terri and daughter Ruby. A winner of several awards and honors, Ellis has been recognized both for her songwriting skills as well as her engaging performances. Many folk festivals have “audience choice” awards, and Ellis has claimed those honors at Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Moab Folk Festival, and Sisters Folk Festival. She also won the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Contest in 2013, the Midwest Mountain Stage New Song Contest (US) in 2011 and the award for the Just Plain Folks (International) Best Female Singer Songwriter Album in 2009.

Chalice Lighters

Aristotle Pappajohn-Goldade 9:30
Charlie Poulter 11:15

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were donated by Monica Tajibnapis in honor and memory of her husband, David Peterson. They were arranged by Candace McClenahan of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Honor the Earth, and MN Interfaith Power and Light

Honor the Earth is a Native-led organization, established by Winona LaDuke and Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, in 1993 to address the two primary needs of the Native environmental movement: the need to break the geographic and political isolation of Native communities and the need to increase financial resources for organizing and change. As a unique national Native initiative, Honor the Earth works to raise public awareness and raise and direct funds to grassroots Native environmental groups.

Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light believes the active care of creation is integral to spiritual life and social justice. MIPL responds to climate change by bringing Minnesota’s faith communities together and by providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement.