



CHILD DEDICATIONS

SUNDAY, NOV. 1, 2015

9:30 A.M.

Deirdra and Kendra Andrews, daughters of Janell Hill, were born Oct. 1, 2007. These delightful eight-year-old twins are full of energy, and love nature, lacrosse, and gymnastics. Their mother hopes “to see them shine bright.”

Oliver Lennon McLoone, son of Ian and Sara McLoone, is five years old. His parents say, “Oliver is exuberant and extroverted. He loves science, rambunctious play and socializing with his peers. Our hope for him is that he remains open and excited about the world around him as he grows in his awareness and compassion.”

Scout Lucinda McLoone, 3, daughter of Ian and Sara McLoone, is described as “both the playful sprite and sensitive peacemaker of her family. She loves imaginative play, learning the fine art of cooking, and creating art. Her parents’ hope for her is that she grow fearlessly into her gifts and talents and that she shares those gifts with those around her.”

Junius Daly McLoone, 9 weeks, “has yet to reveal himself to us. His parents’ hope for him is that he always know that he is so very loved and wanted, and that he grow up to be kind and courageous.”

11:15 A.M.

Annika Elizabeth Rosok, daughter of Kate and Tim Rosok, is four years old and has a brother, Theodore, age 1. Her parents say, “Annika is a bright spirit with a big heart. She loves books and art, family and friends. We hope that she will grow at First Universalist into the person she was born to be.”

Madison Marie Schoeder, daughter of Carrie and Christopher Schoeder. Madison’s parents say, “She is a joyful four-month old girl! She loves playing with toys and looking at the world around her. She is very observant and eager to learn from her family and friends. Our hope for Madison as she becomes a UU is that she feels at home with this large community of wonderful people. We hope to see her grow into the individual she is meant to be. And we hope to help her develop a spiritual connection and to view the world with Love.”



WELCOME

We are so glad 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.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team is a group of congregants, led by the Rev. Jen Crow, who provide confidential pastoral care to friends and members of our congregation in need of support. We visit people at homes, hospitals, and hospice or at the corner coffee shop. Our goal is to offer compassionate presence to our fellow congregants in the knowledge that this too is a spiritual practice. If you are in need of a Pastoral Care team visit, please contact Rev. Jen Crow. jen@firstuniv.org.

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!

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 Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: lauren@firstuniv.org.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

10/4 Second Stork \$972.65

10/11 Boston COA Trip \$814.94

10/18 Augsburg Fairview Academy \$990.85

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate

You can give online through the Square Cash App. Our cashtag is \$firstuniv. Thanks!

LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy—please let us know. To be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, contact Sandy DiNanni at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact Rev. Jen Crow (jen@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

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**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: firstuniversalistchurch.org.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal (our email newsletter) is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/

Do you have news or information you’d like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



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WORSHIP THEME: BORDER CROSSING

LIVING PORTRAITS, LIVING PROFILES

REV. RUTH MACKENZIE

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Music for Gathering

Madras Sonata, Op. 176: II. Allegretto
–Alan Hovhaness

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

Ahe Lau Makani
– Queen Lili’uokalani, arr. by Stephen Hatfield

Children’s Choir
Colleen Cook

Call to Worship

To See & to Do
– Excerpt from Rev. Howard Thurman

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Opening Hymn #323 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Break Not the Circle

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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Child Dedication

Rev. Jen Crow

Music for Journeying #301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky
(The children are excused to their classes.)

Musical Offering

Gebet
– Hugo Wolf & Eduard Mörrike

Shruthi Rajasekar
Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

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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Reading

To See & to Do
– Excerpt from Rev. Howard Thurman

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Musical Reflection

Nanati Batuku
– Raga: Revathi,Tala: Adhi, Composer: Sri Annamaacharya

Shruthi Rajasekar
V. Srinivasan

Sermon

Living Portraits, Living Profiles

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Offertory

Ragupati Raagava Raja Raam
– Bhajan-Lakshmanaacharya/Vishnu Digambar Paluskar

Shruthi Rajasekar
V. Srinivasan

Closing Hymn #148 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Let Freedom Span Both East & West

Closing Words

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Madras Sonata, Op. 176: III. Fugue
–Alan Hovhaness

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship & Coming of Age
Rev. Jen Crow	Executive Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Colleen Cook	Director of Children’s Choir
Narissa Bach	Piano
Madeline Giordana	Ukulele
Shruthi Rajasekar	Vocalist
V. Srinivasan	Drummer
Elizabeth Becher-Ingwalson	9:30 Chalice Lighter
Andie Gegax	11:15 Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were donated and arranged by Pamela Vincent of the Visual Arts committee, in honor and memory of her late husband, Denny Vincent, 5-8-1942 to 11-1-2013.

Offering: Playworks

Playworks is the leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to transform children’s physical and emotional health. Playworks currently serves more than 900 schools in 23 U.S. cities, and reaches more than half of a million students directly and through professional training services. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of children by increasing new opportunities for physical activity and safe, meaningful play.

You can now easily donate right from the pew by using the Square Cash app on your smart phone! Use the cashtag \$FirstUniv to make your donation.

About Today’s Musical Guests

Shruthi Rajasekar has been studying Carnatic (South Indian Classical) music with her mother, Nirmala Rajasekar, for the past twelve years. Shruthi is also a student of Western Classical music, and currently studies with Rochelle Ellis of Westminster Choir College. A native of Minnesota, Shruthi is now a sophomore at Princeton University, where she is planning to major in Music and minor in Cognitive Science. Shruthi is joined by her uncle and teacher, V. Srinivasan.

About Today’s Music

Each selection of music speaks of the divine, human interaction. From Queen Lili’uokalani’s description of a holy wind that warms her soul, to Hugo Wolf’s expression of prayer, to the Carnatic expression of the universality of God, today we explore border crossing in message and music.

November Worship Theme: Border Crossing

We must become experienced border crossers if we are to thrive as a faith tradition. So writes Unitarian Universalist Association President, Peter Morales. Border crossing or moving beyond our personal, social, and cultural experience of the world and experiencing life from another vantage point is spiritual work. All the major religions outline different spiritual technologies necessary for freeing ourselves from the prison of our Selves, and crossing borders. So, how do we become more adept at identifying borders? How do we ready ourselves to make a crossing? How do we immerse ourselves in another place, another context, another reality in order to truly meet the world, and lean into whole and holy life?