

## GET CONNECTED

### RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. Next workshop: Wednesdays, Feb. 17 and 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Led by Clemma Muller. To register, contact Sandy DiNanni at 612-825-1701 or [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org).

### CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OUR HOLIDAY GIVING

We are happy to announce that we achieved our goal of raising \$70,000 for our Holiday Giving project this year! We will be presenting a check of \$64,884.38 (accounting for administrative/fundraising costs) to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative on February 21, during both services. Additionally, members of First Universalist attended Beacon's Ending Homelessness Together Luncheon this past fall, and made gifts of more than \$7,000, though it's not officially counted as part of our Holiday Giving. Together, our gifts will have a life-changing impact on the people Beacon serves. Thank you for your generosity!

### PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

Our Pathway to Membership class invites you into an exploration of Unitarian Universalism, the history of this congregation, our racial justice commitment, and the experience of membership. The next class is offered as a two-part series on Sundays, Feb. 21 and 28, 1-4 p.m. To register, contact Sandy DiNanni, Membership Support Staff, at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

### DAYTIME CONNECTIONS: INTENTIONAL AGING

This Thursday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m., join us for our Daytime Connections to explore the question, "How Can I Be Proactive with My Upcoming Transitions?" Lunch follows the program (\$5 donation requested). To RSVP, contact Sandy DiNanni at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701. Co-Sponsored by the Planned Giving Committee.

### PLEDGE PACKETS AVAILABLE SUNDAY, FEB. 21 & 28

Our 2016-2017 Pledge Drive begins next Sunday, Feb. 21. Pledge packets will be distributed after services on February 21 and 28. Please pick up your packet as you leave the Sanctuary on either Sunday. This will save us several hundred dollars in postage costs. Packets not picked up by Feb. 28 will be mailed on the 29th. Thank you!

### MARITAL FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINING

If friends confide in you about their relationship challenges and you want to feel more confident in how to be supportive, join us for Marital First Responders training on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To sign up, email Rev. Jen Crow at [jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org).

### PLEDGE DAY IS MARCH 9

This year's Pledge Day is happening on Wednesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The theme is *The Road We Walk Together* and will celebrate both the wonderful steps we've taken as a community towards living our values in the world, and the new journeys that are opening before us.

## 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.

### 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](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

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

### 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: Sunday, February 21

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. Childcare is provided after the 11:15 service.

**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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

### CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

1/17 TruArtSpeaks \$853.96

1/24 Exodus Lending \$1,021.49

1/31 Beacon Interfaith Housing \$1,918.01

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

If you'd like to make a donation but don't have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist's cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

### NEW BABY WELCOME

Having a baby? Want to help welcome a new baby? Contact Ann Terlizzi (612 728-7232, [annterlizzi@visi.com](mailto:annterlizzi@visi.com)) or Jody Beresford (952 828-9977, [spice777@aol.com](mailto:spice777@aol.com)), co-chairs of our new baby welcome 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](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

### THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

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

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



FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
OF MINNEAPOLIS

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



WORSHIP THEME: BROKENNESS

## CONSCIENCE, LEAD ME TO GRACE

REV. RUTH MACKENZIE

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

## Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Prelude

*Lacrimosa* from *Requiem*  
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

Day of tears and mourning,  
when from the ashes humanity shall arise,  
spare us by your mercy.

## Call to Worship

McLean Cozine

## Opening Hymn #89 (Please stand in body or spirit)

*Come My Way, My Truth, My Life*

## 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

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## 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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## Reading

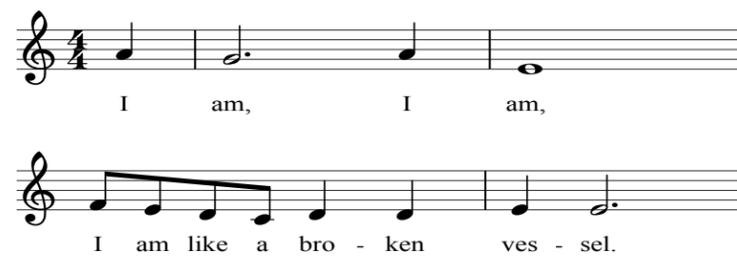
*Healing*  
- D. H. Lawrence

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Litany & Spoken Word

Regional UU Youth Con

*I Am* (Please join when invited.)



## Sermon

*Conscience, Lead Me to Grace*

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Offertory

*I Dreamed of Rain*  
- Jen Garrett

First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

## Closing Hymn #92 (Please stand in body or spirit)

*Mysterious Presence, Source of All*

## Closing Words

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship, Coming of Age
Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
McLean Cozine	Worship Associate
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
First Universalist Choir	
Chalice Lighters and Spoken Word	Regional UU Youth Con

## Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship, Coming of Age
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## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Candace McClenahan of the Visual Arts Committee.

## Offering: Habitat for Humanity

*"At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. More than building homes, Habitat for Humanity builds communities, hope and the opportunity for families to help themselves."* - Excerpt from Habitat for Humanity website

Your donation will help families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. Your support can help us do more in all the many ways that Habitat builds.

## February Worship Theme: Brokenness

*"Life will break you. Nobody can protect you from that, and living alone won't either, for solitude will also break you with its yearning. You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth."* - Louise Erdrich.

Brokenness is part and parcel of being human. We are born into families that fall short, or social constructs that privilege one group over another. Brokenness is. When we don't admit brokenness, the truth of our stories, then we don't make room for understanding, the healing balm of confession, and the deep well of compassion. All is available to us, but first we must admit brokenness.