

GET CONNECTED

TWIN CITIES PRIDE FESTIVAL

The Twin Cities Pride Festival is a great opportunity to engage a diverse, receptive audience about Unitarian Universalism. If you have a couple of hours to talk theology, social justice, and more, please join members of UU congregations from across the metro area at our booth in Loring Park on June 25-26. Contact Rev. Jim Foti, Assistant Minister of First Unitarian Society (and a First Universalist member), at jjm@firstunitarian.org to sign up.

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 in the service **today, July 24 and August 21. 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, contact randy@firstuniv.org.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE registration for the 2016-2017 church year is now open online at: <http://1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com/>

HABITAT SUMMER WORK WEEK

First Universalist is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity Summer Work Week once again this year. We need to provide 15-18 volunteers per day during the week, which is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15 through Friday, Aug. 19, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. We'll be working in the early stages of the build at a site in south Minneapolis. Sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/1stUhabitat>.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2016-2017?

We've received financial pledges for the 2016-2017 church year from nearly 600 households. Have we received yours? Every gift helps our ministry flourish. If you haven't made your financial pledge yet, please do so today. You can pledge online, over the phone (by calling the church office), or by filling out the gold pledge card found in the pews. Thanks for your support!

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Worship Services are held at 10 a.m. during the summer. We ask that you please bring your own mug to the social hour after the service. This helps save on water, labor, and keeps the kitchen cool during the hot summer months. See you in church!

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date for our annual worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell: Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

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 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.

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. Childcare is 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:

5/29 Center for Fathering at Urban Ventures \$315.15

6/5 River Valley Riders \$731.62

6/12 Youth Cultural Exchange \$503.14

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

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Would you like to deliver flowers to a congregant experiencing loss, recovering from an illness, in a nursing home, or in need of a spot of beauty? Contact Mary Ellison at maryellison2491@comcast.net or 612-250-2998. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service, contact Marjie Smith at marjiesmith1@aol.com.

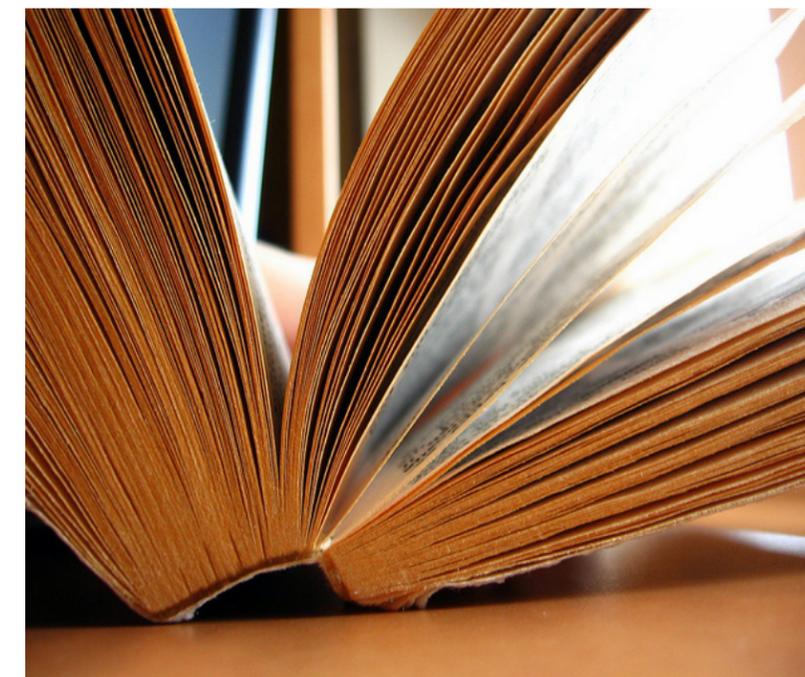
THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal 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: TELLING A NEW STORY

A GENTLE, ANGRY PEOPLE

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

JUNE 19, 2016

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Prelude

Aeolian Harp
- Henry Cowell

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Frederic MacDonald-Dennis

Opening Hymn #170 (Please stand in body or spirit)

We Are a Gentle, Angry People

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 Response

Sinister Resonance
- Henry Cowell

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

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

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Musical Response

Love, You Enfold Me
- Arr. Hal Hopson

First Universalist Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

A Gentle, Angry People

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Exultation
-Henry Cowell

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn #18 (Please stand in body or spirit)

What Wondrous Love

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Frederic MacDonald-Dennis	Worship Associate
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Choral Director
First Universalist Choir	
Katherine Willhelm	Violin

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Rita Franchett of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project

Domestic violence is an epidemic and impacts so many innocent people. The Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project (BWLAP) has established a reputation in Minnesota as a premier legal resource for battered women and children, as well as those who work with battered women and children in the State of Minnesota. While BWLAP services are centered on the legal aspects of domestic violence, their range of expertise is exceedingly broad. Each year BWLAP provides services to thousands of battered women and their advocates in areas including orders for protection, harassment restraining orders, housing assistance, immigration, child custody issues and stalking as it pertains to Minnesota Law.

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Henry Cowell (1897-1965) is an unsung hero in American music. He has no one masterwork, no *Rite of Spring* to spread his fame; but his endless invention and tireless labor inspired a whole generation of West Coast composers, and he was one of the first figures to devote serious attention to music from non-European cultures. He also spent four years in San Quentin on a drummed-up charge related to his homosexuality, years he devoted to study, teaching music to other inmates, and writing over sixty new works. His resilience in the face of persecution is a model for us to emulate; the fact of that persecution is a reminder of how far we've come, and how far we have yet to go.

May Worship Theme: Telling a New Story

At the intersection of what is holy and what is human is a willingness to change; to shed old habits, old ways of thinking, old frameworks, old skin; to cast off what no longer functions; and dare to do a new thing, to tell a new story. This ability to change is at the heart of creation and creator. In the book of Isaiah, God says: "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?" In this month we will endeavor to be alert and present, to see and tell the new story emerging from within, among, and beyond.