

## GET CONNECTED

### FIRST U CO-SPONSORING SELMA SCREENING 7/20

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church, in collaboration with the Southern Poverty Law Center, is hosting a free community screening of the film *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot* on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Following the film, there will be a 40-minute panel discussion with Richard Cohen, SPLC president; Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.); Mark Ritchie, former Secretary of State for Minnesota; and Pam Horowitz, attorney. The event is free but attendees are requested to RSVP at: [www.splcenter.org/rsvp-mn](http://www.splcenter.org/rsvp-mn). Lake Harriet UMC is located at 4901 Chowen Ave. S. in Minneapolis. First Universalist is proud to co-sponsor this event.

### LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP & PICNIC AUG. 14

Join us for an energizing worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.! We'll enjoy tunes from the band A Ghost Revival, worship led by Rev. Justin and Rev. Ruth, and a delicious potluck picnic together afterwards. This will be our only worship service on Sunday, Aug. 14. Please bring a dish and/or beverage to share, chairs or blankets to sit on, and plates, cups and eating utensils for everyone in your party. The picnic will take place on the park hill across the street from the bandshell following the service. If you have a yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirt, please wear it! This is part of an annual outdoor worship series at the Lake Harriet bandshell with about 15 neighborhood congregations participating.

### HABITAT SUMMER WORK WEEK AUG. 15-19

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>.

### 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.

### SING IN SUMMER CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY

The Summer Choir will be singing in services again next Sunday, July 24, as well as Sunday, August 21. If you like to sing but can't make an extended commitment to choir, this is a perfect opportunity for you! There is just one 45-minute rehearsal at 9 a.m. on the day of the service. All are welcome!! If you have any questions, contact Dr. Randy Buikema at [randy@firstuniv.org](mailto: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/>

## 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 the church office at 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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

### CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

6/19 Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project  
\$561.01

6/26 MAD DADS \$414.73

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/>.

### 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).

### MEAL SUPPORT

New baby? Illness? Accident? Let us know if you or somebody in our community would like us to create a meal train for you. Meal trains typically run two to six weeks depending on need and give congregants a way to help. Contact Kathy Urberg at [kathyurberg@gmail.com](mailto:kathyurberg@gmail.com).

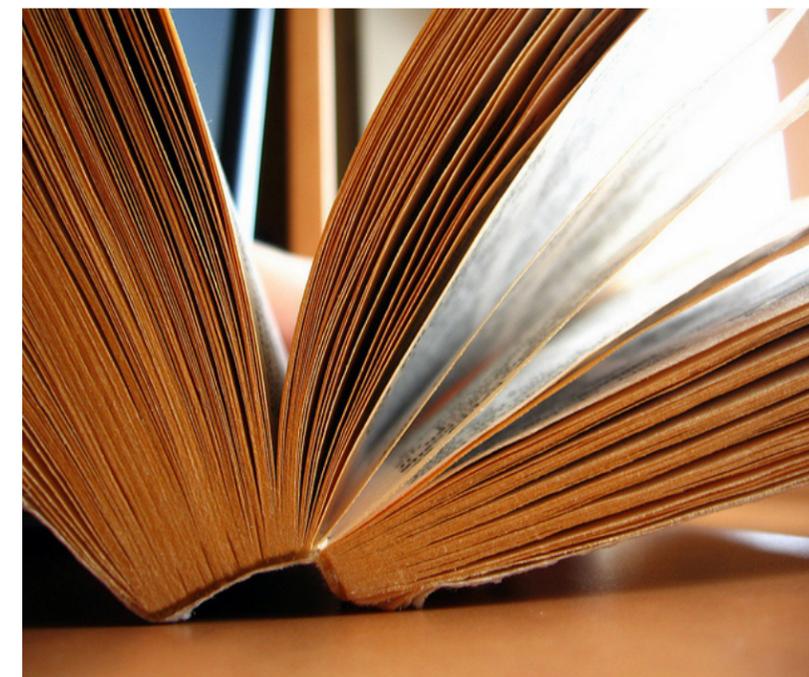
### THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

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

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WORSHIP THEME: TELLING A NEW STORY

## SUFFERING & AMBIGUITY: LESSONS FROM CHAPLAINCY & THE BOOK OF JOB

ANDREA JOHNSON

JULY 17, 2016

*We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we act for justice 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.*

## Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Words of Welcome

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Six Miles to Petaluma*  
- David Lauth

David Lauth

## Call to Worship

David Lauth

## Opening Hymn #1031 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Filled With Loving Kindness*

## 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. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## 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

*If I Had One Wish*  
- David Lauth

David Lauth

## Readings

Excerpt from the *Book of Job* 38-39

Andrea Johnson

*Love Abides*

- Rev. Barbara Pescan

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Sermon

*Suffering and Ambiguity:  
Lessons from Chaplaincy and the Book of Job*

Andrea Johnson

## Offertory

*Promise*  
- David Lauth

David Lauth

## Closing Hymn #100 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

## Closing Words

Andrea Johnson

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Music for the Journey

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

## Worship Leaders

Andrea Johnson

Guest Preacher

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

David Lauth

Worship Associate, Musical Guest

## Chancel Flowers

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

## Offering: Habitat for Humanity

The Mission of Habitat for Humanity is to create a world where everyone has a decent place to live, and to put God's love into action. By doing this, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

## About Today's Guest Preacher

**Andrea Johnson** is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, MN. She is a member of First Universalist Church where she is active on the Pastoral Care Team, facilitating small groups, and Racial Justice work. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband and three children.

## About Today's Musical Guest

**David Lauth** is a longtime member of First Universalist Church, a former President of our Board of Trustees, and a current member of the Unitarian Universalist Association's MidAmerica Region Board of Trustees. Trained as a classical musician, he traded in his oboe for a guitar and piano and now sings frequently for the services of UU congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

## Summer 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 these summer months we will endeavor to be alert and present, to see and tell the new story emerging from within, among, and beyond.