



Worship Calendar Spring 2017

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Sharing Sundays

4 years to 5th grade attend first part of service
First Sunday of the month, March 5, April 2, May 7

Multigenerational Worship

4 years & up attend entire service
April 16, June 4

Youth-friendly Worship

6th-12th grade attend entire service
April 30, May 14

March 2017

Worship Theme: **Risk**

Risk is a dance with danger. It is stepping into a moment, unsure of what lies ahead. We may enter risk of our own accord or be pushed into risk-taking by life circumstances. Risk stands on the precipice of a failed attempt, a generative opening, or maybe a little of both. Whether we are comfortable with risk-taking or not, it is central to a whole and thriving life. There is no way to avoid it. In this month, we explore the nature of risk, and the spiritual muscles we need to develop in order to meet it.

March 5	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Sharing Sunday</i>	Worship , Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Music: Dean Magraw, Eric Kamau Gravatt, Jimmy Anton
March 12	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder
March 19	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship , Rev. Margaret Weis
March 26	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Music: First Universalist Choir
March 26	Sunday, 5:30 p.m.	"Kinds of Light: SKY" Contemplative Worship , Dr. Jerrod Wendland, Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

April 2017

Worship Theme: **Transformation**

Karen Armstrong writes: "Religion is not about accepting twenty impossible propositions before breakfast, but about doing things that change you. It is a moral aesthetic, an ethical alchemy. If you behave in a certain way, you will be transformed." When we dare to move beyond the known patterns and perceptions of our lives, letting the alchemy of love, listening and justice do its work, then we will be more than changed. The base metals of our lives will be transformed into something precious and flourishing. This is the purpose of religion, and the meaning of a religious life: to be transformed.

April 2	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Sharing Sunday</i>	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder
April 9	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship , Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Music: First Universalist Choir
April 16	Easter Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Multigenerational Worship</i>	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Music: First Universalist Choir
April 23	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship , Rev. Karen Hutt
April 30	Youth Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Youth-friendly Worship</i>	Worship , led by Senior High Youth

May 2017

Worship Theme: **Embodiment**

In her poem, "Shoulders," Naomi Shihab Nye describes a man carrying his child across a busy street. He looks left and right several times, knowing he carries precious cargo. As he does, "His ear fills up with breathing. He hears the hum of a boy's dream deep inside him." She then says, "We're not going to be able to live in this world if we're not willing to do what he's doing with one another." Religion is more than just affirming a set of beliefs. Religion is embodying those principles in the real world, as a parent, a friend, an advocate, an ally, a lover, a colleague. We are here to have our ears filled with the world's breathing and embody the hum of one another's dreaming deep inside our living.

May 7	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Sharing Sunday</i>	Choir-led Worship , Rev. Jen Crow Music: <i>Chichester Psalms</i> by Leonard Bernstein
May 14	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Youth-friendly Worship,</i> <i>Coming of Age Recognition</i>	Worship , Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Music: A Ghost Revival
May 21	Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. <i>Child Dedication</i>	Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Music: First Universalist Choir
May 28	Sunday, 10 a.m. <i>Memorial Day Sunday</i>	Worship , TBA
June 4	Sunday, 10 a.m. <i>Multigenerational Worship</i> <i>New Member Sunday</i>	Flower Communion Sunday Worship , Rev. Justin Schroeder Music: First Universalist Choir