

GET CONNECTED



**Not for Ourselves Alone:
Building an Inclusive Future**
First Universalist Church Capital Campaign

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: \$4,014,427

Thank you to all those who have generously given as of April 19! Thus far, we have received \$4,014,427 in pledges from members toward our capital campaign, *Not for Ourselves Alone, Building an Inclusive Future*. We look forward to meeting with all First Universalist members and friends this spring to discuss our vision for the future of our church!

JOIN US FOR PLEDGE DAY THIS WEDNESDAY!

Pledge Day is free, family-friendly, and fun! Join us at church this Wednesday, April 26, between 4 and 8 p.m., for a celebration of our community that includes dinner, fellowship, BINGO for all ages (with prizes!), a bouncy house, prize drawing, and more. A buffet dinner catered by The Sioux Chef includes smoked turkey, wild rice and roasted vegetables, greens & seeds salad, and cornbread.

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will share a draft budget with the congregation at meetings on Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cummins Room. After a presentation of the budget and its rationale, there will be an opportunity for questions. The board will prepare a final version of the budget for presentation at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m.

APRIL 30 WORSHIP:

#UUWHITE SUPREMACY TEACH IN

On Sunday, April 30, First Universalist Church of Minneapolis will join more than 400 Unitarian Universalist congregations/communities in shifting our regularly scheduled Sunday morning worship to participate in a teach-in on racism and white supremacy, known as #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn. This call to action comes from a growing network led by UUs of color and white UUs working together. Our service will feature an excerpt of the powerful work *Citizen: An American Lyric* written by author Christine Rankine and presented by actors of Frank Theater. We will sing together, learn together, question together, and lean in...together. You won't want to miss participating with thousands of UUs around the country in this large-scale historic action! This is a youth-friendly worship service and all are welcome at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Watch for more information in the Liberal.

MAY 14 CHILD DEDICATION: SIGN UP BY MAY 5

Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world. The next Child Dedication will take place on Sunday, May 14 at both services. During the Child Dedication ritual, the congregation pledges itself to partner with and support parents and families in the religious upbringing of the child. Infants and children of members and those on the path to membership at First Universalist may be dedicated. If your family would like to participate in the upcoming Child Dedication ritual, please sign up by filling out the Child Dedication form on our website by Friday, May 5.

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 listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. 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 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: Sunday, May 7

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 during the session after the 11:15 a.m. 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.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:
3/26 Youth Cultural Exchange \$1,117.90
4/2 Joyce Uptown Food Shelf \$850.46
4/9 Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative \$1,002.80

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.

COMFORT SHAWLS

Do you like to knit? Contact Pat Foulkes at pfoulkes@hotmail.com for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. Know somebody in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Congregational Care co-chairs Kathy Urberg at kathyurberg@gmail.com or Kathy Coskran at 612-202-9322 or kac1122@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: TRANSFORMATION

THE WHITE TRASH AMONG US

REV. KAREN HUTT

APRIL 23, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Bellsound

Prelude

Start Where You Are
- Ellis Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Call to Worship

Suzy Messerole

Opening Hymn #1008 (Please rise in body or spirit)

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

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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Reading

Rev. Karen Hutt

Musical Offering

Bird on a Wire
- Ellis and Terri Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Sermon

The White Trash Among Us

Rev. Karen Hutt

Offertory

How Would it Be?
- Ellis Delaney

Ellis Delaney

Closing Hymn #96 (Please rise in body or spirit)

There Is More Love Somewhere

Closing Words

Rev. Karen Hutt

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Karen Hutt

Guest Minister

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries

Suzy Messerole

Worship Associate

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Ellis Delaney

Guest Musician

Kendra Andrews

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Maya Conners

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were donated by Greg and Marybeth Hoelzer in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Marybeth and Greg were married in this sanctuary 23 years ago. The arrangements were done by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light

Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light believes the active care of creation is integral to spiritual life and social justice. MNIPL brings Minnesota's faith communities together within the growing climate justice movement. MNIPL has mobilized interfaith support for legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota, sparked just community solar development through the Shiloh Temple Community Solar Garden Project, and provided leadership and training to hundreds of faith communities' members across the state. Participants in the Be the Spark and Youth Be the Spark leadership programs connect their gifts and passions with the work of building a more just and sustainable world. MNIPL is one of First Universalist's Faithful Action Partners.

About today's Guest Minister

Rev. Karen Hutt is a Clinical Pastoral Care Educator at University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis. She has worked as a pediatric chaplain, a trauma chaplain, and chaplain educator at hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area. Karen is an ACPE-certified Supervisor and is ordained into the Unitarian Universalist Association. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School and she did her undergraduate studies at Boston University.

About today's Guest Musician

Ellis Delaney is a member of First Universalist Church with her partner Terri and daughter Ruby. A winner of several awards and honors, Ellis has been recognized both for her songwriting skills as well as her engaging performances. Ellis won the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Contest in 2013, the Midwest Mountain Stage New Song Contest (US) in 2011 and the award for the Just Plain Folks (International) Best Female Singer Songwriter Album in 2009.

April 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.