



GET CONNECTED



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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: \$4,870,947

Thank you to all those who have generously given as of May 17! Thus far, we have received \$4,870,947 in pledges from members toward our capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to visit with everyone in the First Universalist community. Stop by the table in the Social Hall after services to schedule a time for a visit so that you can learn more!

SUMMER CIRCLE REGISTRATION CLOSES TOMORROW

Set some time aside to engage with life's deeper themes: Join a circle this summer! These gatherings of 8-10 people are a great way to get connected at First Universalist and to stay spiritually grounded throughout the summer. Offerings this summer include: four Community Circles, Newcomer Circles, and four Spiritual Deepening Circles including Living Our UU Principles in Today's World. Registration for summer circles is open through Monday, May 22 at <http://firstucircles.weebly.com>. You may also register in the Social Hall today.

FLOWER COMMUNION ON JUNE 4, 10 A.M.

Please bring a flower from your yard to contribute to the creation of beautiful bouquets for Flower Communion Sunday. We celebrate the variety of peoples, contexts, and faiths represented in bouquets of beauty that is this congregation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

First Universalist will be hosting Families Moving Forward the week of May 28 – June 3. This is the first of our three hosting weeks for 2017. There are still spots open to volunteer your time and talents. Stop by in the Social Hall following today's service to sign up!

WELLSPRING INFO SESSION TODAY AT 1P.M.

Wellspring offers spiritual deepening within our UU tradition and is an opportunity to learn more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience. Join us for an info session today at 1 p.m. in the Cummins Room to learn more!

SUMMER SERVICES AT 10 A.M. BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY

Starting next Sunday, May 28, we will have one Sunday service at 10 a.m. throughout the summer months. We look forward to seeing you at church!

ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 4

Our Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m., after the single 10 a.m. worship service.

SAVE THE DATE: LAKE HARRIET WORSHIP

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.** and join us for our annual outdoor worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell! This will be our only service on this Sunday.



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: 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 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:

4/30 Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism
\$1,672.28

5/7 TRUST, Inc. \$711.69

5/14 COA Boston Trip \$720.41

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.

NEW BABY WELCOME

Having a baby? Want to help welcome a new baby? Contact co-chairs of our new baby welcome team, Ann Terlizzi at 612-728-7232 or annterlizzi@visi.com, or Jody Beresford at 952-828-9977 or spice777@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!



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



Nu bleu I (Blue Nude I), 1952, Henri Matisse

WORSHIP THEME: TRANSFORMATION

YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 21, 2017

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.

Music for Gathering Solomon (Blue) Midwinter

Words of Welcome Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude Jonah Calvo

Call to Worship Muriel Ambrus

Opening Hymn #155 (Please rise in body or spirit)

Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release.
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
For the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

-Linda Hirschhorn

Lighting the Chalice Hirut Hedge

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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Reading Amelia Richter

Silence Sofia Jacobsson

Cycle of Life Rev. Jen Crow

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 Eli Curran-Moore

Homily

Musical Offering Madeline Bierbaum
Home Lexi Lee
- Phillip Phillips Gracie Brandt-Fontaine

Reading Grace Zimmer

Homily

Offertory Adrian Ali-Caccamo
Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2
- Frédéric Chopin

Homily

Musical Offering Madeline Bierbaum
Rivers and Roads Lexi Lee
- The Head and the Heart Gracie Brandt-Fontaine
Ryan Lee
Sam Christenson

Senior Recognition Emma Paskewitz
Senior Advisers
Rev. Jen Crow

Closing Hymn #1064 (Teal Hymnal) (Please rise in body or spirit)

Blue Boat Home

Closing Words Rev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow Executive Minister

Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist

Members of the Senior High Class

Renny Acheson, Adrian Ali-Caccamo, Isabela Alvarez, Emilio Alvarez, Muriel Ambrus, Madeline Bierbaum, Gracie Brandt-Fontaine, Jonah Calvo, Noah Calvo, Sam Christenson, Zoe Christenson, Bailey Colerin, Eli Curran-Moore, Owen Cozine, Rozy Eastaugh, Emma Eberhard, Liz Gaither, Hirut Hedge, Noah Hoska, Sofia Jacobsson, Benjamin Jaeger, Cali Juberian-McGuire, Adam Khelah, Lexi Lee, Ryan Lee, Sophia Manolis, Solomon (Blue) Midwinter, Amanda Mosberg, Luke Peichel, Selene Posey, Will Poulter, Amelia Richter, Henry Saارينen, Gavin Schuster, Molly Sheehan, Wyatt Sklaney, Samantha Srichai, Grace Wallace-Jackson, Lillie Westbrook, Grace Zimmer

Graduating Seniors

Emma Bartley-Dier, Grace Bishop, Noah Calvo, Rozy Eastaugh, Ada Gabrielson, Sofia Jacobsson, Amanda Mosberg, Will Poulter, Allison Risser, Henry Saارينen, Sophia Stephany, Lillie Westbrook

Senior High Advisers

Emma Paskewitz, Program Coordinator

Allison Wyeth, Arif Mamdani, Susan Hoffman, Ron Schlatter, Leslie Colerin, Chase Barney

Chancel Decorations

Today's flowers were arranged by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee. The indigo tapestries were dyed by the the High School class and sewn together by Molly Sheehan, Susan Hoffman, Leslie Colerin, and Mary Helmin. The Chalice Pillows were made by Carolyn Liebler, Kathy Urberg, Cathy Apostle, Sue Schiess, and Judith Grittner.

Offering

Today's offering will help support Senior High trips and leadership opportunities. This July, four of our high school students will represent First Universalist Church at the UUA's Midwest Leadership School in Decorah, Iowa.

Youth Sunday 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.