

GET CONNECTED

GENDER 101: FOSTERING JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND COMPASSION FOR ALL GENDERS

As the movement for transgender equity gains momentum and visibility, a multitude of new conversations about gender identity and diversity are beginning to unfold—with important implications for all those who strive to cultivate inclusive, respectful, and welcoming spaces. In a workshop on **Sunday, June 18 at 11:30 a.m.**, facilitated by Cat Hammond, we'll start with the basics and cover the terminology, concepts, and practices that are integral to today's rapidly evolving queer and trans movements. All are welcome to attend!

RACIAL JUSTICE & OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This is a two-part workshop offered on Saturdays, June 17 & 24, 9-11:30 a.m. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

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 WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date for our annual worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell: Sunday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. Please join us!

WELLSPRING INFO SESSION TODAY!

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 at an info session today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 203 to learn more! Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate next year. One more opportunity to attend an info session will be offered on Sunday, July 9.

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

In the summer months, Sunday morning childcare and Religious Education classes are offered for children ages 6 months through those entering 6th grade in the fall. There is no pre-registration for Summer Sundays - simply sign your child in at the classroom: babies (6-17 months) in Room 102; toddlers/preschoolers (18 months-3 years) in Room 100; children ages 4 years through kids entering 1st grade in Room 104; kids entering 2nd-6th grade in the Chalice Room. Youth entering 7th-12th grade attend service with their family.

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in choir, but can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you! The Summer Choir is scheduled to sing in services on June 18, July 9, and August 27. Rehearsals are at 9 a.m. on the day of the service, and services begin at 10 a.m. Music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact randy@firstuniv.org.

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.

Our next orientation takes place: Sunday, June 18

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 10 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:
5/21 Senior High Youth Trips \$866.11
5/28 Gardening Matters \$352.12
6/4 Good in the Hood \$661.26

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.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

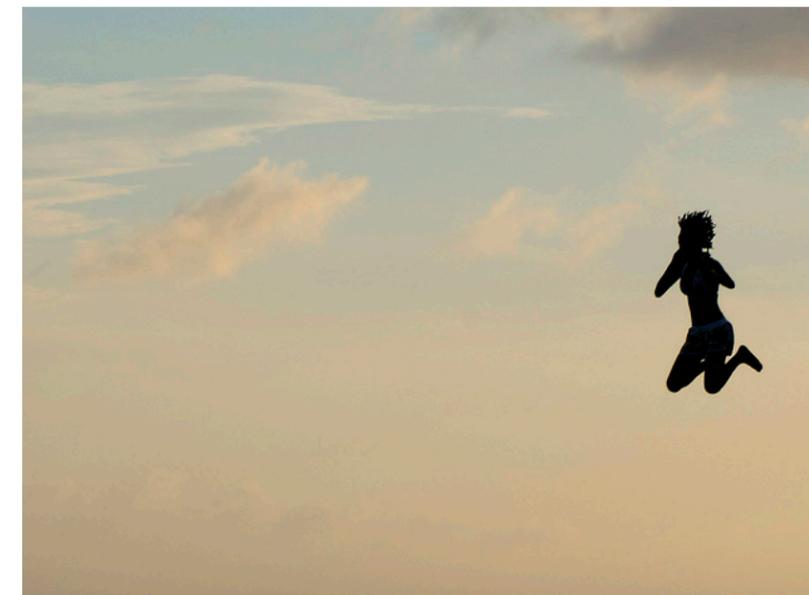
The Pastoral Care Team is a group of congregants, who provide confidential pastoral care to friends and members of our congregation in need of support. Our goal is to offer compassionate presence to our fellow congregants in the knowledge that this too is a spiritual practice. If you are in need of a Pastoral Care team visit, please contact Rev. Jen Crow. jen@firstuniv.org.

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: MEETING THE MOMENT

MEETING THE MOMENT WITH MOVEMENT

RABBI MICHAEL LATZ

JUNE 11, 2017

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Music for Gathering Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude First Universalist Folk Band

Crossing the Water
- Bill Staines

Call to Worship Keven Ambrus

Opening Hymn #360 (Please rise in body or spirit)

Here We Have Gathered

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. 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

The Summer Day

- Mary Oliver

Musical Offering First Universalist Folk Band

If Not Now

- Carrie Newcomer

Sermon Rabbi Michael Latz

Meeting the Moment with Movement

Offertory First Universalist Folk Band

I Hope

- Keb Mo

Closing Hymn (Please rise in body or spirit) First Universalist Folk Band

Never Turning Back

-Pat Humphries

Closing Words Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister

Rabbi Michael Latz Guest Preacher

Keven Ambrus Worship Associate

Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist

Folk Band

Dick Hensold Director, Northumbrian Smallpipes

Charles Burdick Recorder, Saxophone

Jill Conrad Voice, Violin

Howard Hobbs Voice, Autoharp, Guitar

Mary Lee Voice, Guitar

Ron Parker Voice, Guitar

Allan Steinhauer Voice

David Thomas Clarinet

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Mary Johnson of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: The Council on American-Islamic Relations – Minnesota

CAIR-Minnesota's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. We do this through training, education, civic engagement, and media justice.

About Today's Guest Preacher

Rabbi Latz has been Shir Tikvah's Senior Rabbi since July 2009. He brings to the congregation boundless energy, heartfelt compassion, and commitment to fostering an authentic and engaging Jewish experience. Previously, he was the founding rabbi of Kol HaNeshamah in West Seattle. A Wexner Fellow during rabbinical school, Rabbi Latz was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2000.

About Dick Hensold

Dick Hensold is the leading Northumbrian smallpiper in North America, and for the past 20 years has performed and taught in England, Scotland, Japan, Canada, and across the United States. He is an active composer, studio musician and theater musician, and his solo Northumbrian smallpipes CD, *Big Music for Northumbrian Smallpipes*, was released in 2007.

Summer Worship Theme: Meeting the Moment

Sometimes it happens in a small room, when your mind quiets, and the rhythm of your breath begins to lead. Sometimes it happens in a conversation, when you take a leap of faith and step into a hard conversation. Sometimes it is that crazy notion that will not be pushed aside, and you make an about turn that leads into an unimaginable freshness of life and purpose. Sometimes it's showing up in the streets, in a rotunda, in a meeting, in covenantal community. Sometimes it's showing up for yourself. The religious life is meeting the moment over and over again. Join us this summer as ministers and speakers from all different walks of life and contexts tell of their spiritual grounding, and stories of meeting the moment.