

Celebrating Summer Sundays!



Outdoor Worship at the Lake Harriet Bandshell is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day and is led by a different congregation each week.

May 28 – St. Luke’s Episcopal	July 2 – Knox Presbyterian	August 6 – Judson Baptist
June 3 – Linden Hills UCC	July 9 – City Church	August 13 – St. John’s Episcopal
June 11 – Mount Olivet Lutheran	July 16 – Lake Harriet United Methodist	August 20 – First Universalist
June 18 – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	July 23 – Richfield Methodist	August 27 – St. Joan of Arc
June 25 – Spirit Garage	July 30 – Lake Harriet Spiritual Center	September 3 – St. Thomas the Apostle and St. John’s Lutheran

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Jen Crow	Executive Minister
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods	Musical Guest

TODAY’S OFFERING RECIPIENT

The offering today collected today will be used solely to help defray the expenses of this service and to support the **Pillsbury United Communities Crisis Nursery**.

Checks should be made out to First Universalist Church.

ABOUT FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

First Universalist Church is located at 3400 Dupont Avenue S. in Minneapolis. Summer services are held at 10 a.m., and services during the regular church year are held at 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Our church, its ministers, and members have nourished the flame of liberal religion in Minneapolis for more than 150 years, and we are numbered among the foremost Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States. *In the Universalist spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow.* **Learn more online at firstuniversalistchurch.org.**



FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
OF MINNEAPOLIS



MN NICE: ARE YOU IDOL-ING?

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL
AUGUST 20, 2017

In the Universalist 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.

Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow and Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound**Music to Move By**

Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods

Lighting the Chalice

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

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 (*printed by permission from UUA*)

Opening Hymn: *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* (please stand)

Chorus:

When our heart is in a holy place,
 when our heart is in a holy place,
 We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
 When our heart is in a holy place.

When we trust the wisdom in each of us, Ev’ry color ev’ry creed and kind,
 And we see our faces in each other’s eyes, Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

When we tell our story from deep inside, and we listen with a loving mind,
 And we hear our voices in each other’s words, then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

When we share the silence of sacred space, And the God of our Heart stirs within,
 And we feel the power of each other’s faith, Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

Wisdom Story

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Song for the Deepening: *There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul*

There’s a river flowin’ in my soul. (2x)
 And it’s tellin’ me that I’m somebody
 There’s a river flowing in my soul.
 (Verses 2-4: heart, mind, soul)

Silence**Cycle of Life**

Rev. Jen Crow

Hymn of Prayer: *Spirit of Life* (please remain seated)

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 (printed by permission from UUA)

Musical Offering

Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods

MN Mean

- Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods

Sermon

Rev. Justin Schroeder

*MN Nice: Are You Idol-ing?***Offertory**

Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods

It’s Still Work

- Terrell “Carnage the Executioner” Woods

Closing Hymn: *Fire of Commitment*

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
 Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
 When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
 When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
 Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice
 Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

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Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song: *Go Now in Peace* (please stand)