

GET CONNECTED

RESISTING WHITE SUPREMACY TEACH-IN 2

On Sunday, Oct. 29, First Universalist is joining hundreds of UU congregations in responding to a call to hold a second teach-in on racism and white supremacy during worship this month: #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn2. This call to action comes from a growing network led by UUs of color and white UUs working together. Our October 29 service will feature speakers from our congregation and a homily by Rev. Ashley Horan entitled “The Ten Commandments of Challenging White Supremacy.” We encourage you to stay after worship for further reflection on the service in the social hall over treats. Following the first worship service, we’ll have donuts for sale (\$2 each), and after the second service, there will be bag lunches prepared by our very own Tina and Caitlin Bernett (with vegetarian and vegan sandwich options) available for purchase (\$5).

INITIAL RENOVATION/ CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW WITH THE ARCHITECTS

In November, we’ll be offering two opportunities for you to meet with our architects from Miller Dunwiddie and review the process of the schematic design ideas for our renovations and construction. Please put these dates in your calendar and plan to attend one: Wednesday, Nov. 15 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19 between 12:45 and 2 p.m. Arrive at any point within those time frames: the meetings will be conducted open-house style and the architects will offer several short, informal presentations on the initial plans. Preliminary drawings of concept plan options will be mounted and available for your perusal and input.

TODAY: “CLIMATE CHANGE AS AN AVENUE FOR FINDING COMMON GROUND”

A panel of four experts will come together today at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary to address how climate change might inspire individuals to work together across differences in race, religion, culture, and belief to unite in the face of adversity. We may all find ourselves adopting new patterns of behavior, including the willingness to relinquish privilege and advantage, as we jointly strive to restore stability to our climate. The forum is open to the public and free to attend.

CHILD DEDICATION IS NOV. 5

The next Child Dedication will take place on Sunday, Nov. 5 during 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, please sign up by filling out and submitting the Child Dedication Form on our website. Forms are due Sunday, Oct. 29.

PEACE SITE REDEDICATION TODAY AT 10:45 A.M.

The First Universalist Peace Site and garden will be rededicated today at 10:45 a.m. between services. Please join us for a 15-minute ceremony in the garden by the Dupont Avenue middle doors, where the church choir will open with a song. The event will include guest speakers and the addition of four more languages to the existing Peace Pole, each declaring “May Peace Prevail on Earth.” This event is sponsored by the First Universalist Peace Circle.

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, Nov. 5

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:

- 9/17 Honor the Earth \$1,037.68
- 9/24 UUA Hurricane Irma Recovery Fund \$2,357.33 (100% of offering to recipient)
- 10/1 Vail Place \$1,109.87

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.

CARING CORNER: SEND A CARD!

Write a note to a congregant who could use support. Cards are available in the library, located off of the Social Hall. Leave the card in the basket and we’ll mail it for you.

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: OUTSIDERS

BEING HOPE

REV. JEN CROW

OCTOBER 22, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

D'un jardin clair (Of a Bright Garden)

- Lili Boulanger

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Karen Heegard

Opening Hymn #188 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Come, Come, Wherever You Are

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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Faithful Action Spotlight on Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light

Robert Blake

Musical Interlude

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

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

Untitled

- Starhawk

Rev. Jen Crow

Anthem

Hymne au soleil (Hymn to the Sun)

- Lili Boulanger

First Universalist Choir

Amanda Carleson

Dr. Randal Buikema

Let us bless the power of the reborn sun.
With all the universe let us celebrate its return.
Crowned with splendor, it rises, it soars.
The waking of the earth is a hymn of love.
Seven rushing steeds that the God scarcely holds back
Ignite the horizon with their scorching breath.

Oh, vivid sun, you appear!
With its fields in bloom, its mountains, its thick forests,
The vast sea set ablaze by your fires,
The universe, younger and fresher,
With morning vapors are glistening with dew.

Sermon

Being Hope

Rev. Jen Crow

Offertory

Cortège

- Lili Boulanger

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn #131 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

Love Will Guide Us

Closing Words

Rev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Karen Heegard

Worship Associate

Robert Blake

MNIPL Solar Outreach Coordinator

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

Amanda Carleson

Soloist

First Universalist Choir

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Lena Vdakes of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Minnesota Interfaith Power & 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 six Faithful Action Community Partners for 2017-2018.

Musical Notes by Dr. Jerrod Wendland

The story of Lili Boulanger (1893-1918) is not only one of achievement in the face of prejudice and illness, but also of what might have been had her career not been cut short. The daughter of a Russian princess and a music teacher, she had an early start as a musician, taking classes at the conservatory as her illness (either tuberculosis or Crohn's disease, depending on who you ask) permitted. Faced with what she already knew would be a short life, she decided to become a professional composer, and began intense work on her choral writing: *The Hymn to the Sun* was composed when she was only 18. In 1913, she became the first woman to win France's foremost prize in music, the Prix de Rome. One critic wrote of her victory: "The misogyny of the jury was known. And it required all the crushing weight and indisputable authority of this woman's work to triumph over the student's homework that surrounded it." Her travels abroad were curtailed by the war, which she didn't live to see the end of. She was survived by her sister, Nadia, who taught composition to almost every American composer from Aaron Copland to Quincy Jones.

October Worship Theme: Outsiders

The first principle of our Unitarian Universalist faith states that we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. This connotes a celebration and welcoming of the variety of human expression, all the different ways and contexts that make us who we are. Yet there is a tendency in our human nature to distrust something that is different than ourselves, that is in some way other or deemed an outsider. At the heart of our faithful root system is an other-affirming imperative, to meet and come to know one another as whole and holy, and embrace the outsider. We often fail. Yet when we lean into our other-affirming calling, we resist the false, dominant cultural narrative of segmentation and separation, and find a surplus of wisdom and ways forward that are surprising, challenging, and life-giving.