

GET CONNECTED

FINAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFO SESSION TODAY

Help us wrap up our capital campaign, *Not for Ourselves Alone: Building an Inclusive Future!* Attend a Drop-In Capital Campaign Information Session in the Chancel Room after worship today to learn about the campaign and vision for the future of First Universalist.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WRAP- UP CELEBRATION WITH REV. KATE TUCKER, ANN REED AND GIVE GET SISTET

Don't miss celebrating with us as we wrap up our capital campaign next Sunday, Oct. 15! Minister Emerita Rev. Kate Tucker will preach in worship, and we'll enjoy music by special guests Ann Reed and Give Get Sistet. Please join us for a special reception in the social hall after both services.

RE-IMAGINING THE HOLIDAYS

Marnita's Table has been selected as this year's recipient of our biennial Holiday Giving program. Marnita's Table is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to bridging gaps across difference. Working with neighborhood groups, government agencies, schools, and faith communities, Marnita's Table empowers people to make genuine changes toward racial equity, inclusion, and understanding. In the coming weeks, you'll have opportunities to learn more about this organization's important and innovative work. In the meantime, please visit their website: www.marnitastable.org.

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHITE FRAGILITY

When white people experience racial stress, we often withdraw, defend, cry, argue, minimize, ignore, and in other ways push back to regain our racial position and equilibrium: a response known as white fragility. This limits our capacity to bridge cross-racial divides and harms people of color. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. for a conversation about white fragility based on "White Fragility," an essay by Dr. Robin DiAngelo. Discussion will be facilitated by Susan Schultz and Lark Weller.

NEW EXHIBIT: TEXTILE LANDSCAPES AND FIGURES OF IMAGINATION

A new art exhibit in the social hall features work by two artists: Textile Landscapes by Linda Johaneson and Figures of Imagination by Brenna Busse. The exhibit will be on view through November 26.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

If you enjoy Sunday flower arrangements, have a bit of creativity, and would like an enjoyable way to contribute to our congregation, consider arranging Sunday flowers. Committee members will be happy to assist you the first time or two as you select and arrange the flowers from your local florist, Bachman's, Lunds and Byerlys, or the floral wholesaler where you can select from an amazing assortment of flowers. For more information contact Visual Arts Flower Chair Dick Rueter at dick.rueter49@usinternet.net.

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, Oct. 15

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 \$1109.87

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Donating Sunday flowers is an opportunity to enhance the beauty of our worship or honor and celebrate an individual or event. Once services are over you can take the flowers home, or ask that they be delivered to congregants who could use a caring gesture. Contact Dick Rueter at dick.rueter49@usinternet.com or 612-280-4186 if you are able to provide flowers or help deliver them after worship.

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

I'M THAT, TOO

REV. JEN CROW

OCTOBER 8, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

Pink Minor
- Madeleine Dring

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Opening Hymn #1 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

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. 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

Call Me by My True Names
- Thich Nhat Hahn

Rev. Jen Crow

Musical Offering

Three Piece Suite - II. Romance
- Madeleine Dring

Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Anthony Afful

Sermon

I'm That, Too

Rev. Jen Crow

Offertory

Three Piece Suite - III. Finale
- Madeleine Dring

Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Anthony Afful

Closing Hymn #121 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

We'll Build a Land

Closing Words

Rev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Anthony Afful

Musical Guest

Lucy Vokes-Ruffcorn

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Kennion Hammer

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were donated by Lynn Argetsinger and Roger Friedell in memory of their son, Seth, whose memorial service was held here yesterday. They were arranged by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: United for Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery Effort

United for Puerto Rico is an initiative brought forth by the First lady of Puerto Rico, Mrs. Beatriz Rosselló in collaboration with the private sector, with the purpose of providing aid and support to those affected in Puerto Rico by the passage of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane María. For more information, please visit: www.UnitedforPuertoRico.com. Puerto Rico needs your support. Join us and help Puerto Rico recover!

About Today's Musical Guest

Born in Chicago, Anthony Afful was raised in southwest Minneapolis where he attended the International Baccalaureate program. He then went to study music and physics at Gustavus Adolphus College and has just earned his Master's of Music Performance from Bowling Green State University. Happy to be in his native land of Minnesota and to share music and general enthusiasm, you may often find him riding his bicycle at all the junctures of the Twin Cities!

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

When I open my *Dictionary of Contemporary Music*, I don't find any information about Madeleine Dring (1923-1977), even though it was published just three years before her death. A prolific composer (as well as actress, illustrator, etc.), she studied with famous English composers like Herbert Howells and Ralph Vaughan Williams, writing dozens of songs and instrumental pieces, as well as for music for theater, dance, and children's cartoons. Her music is often cheerful in character, with an angularity and humor reminiscent of Poulenc. You could easily open the *Dictionary of Contemporary Music* to a random page and find far worse composers than the ones they left out.

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.