

GET CONNECTED

GLOBAL GIFT FAIR IS NEXT SUNDAY

Our Global Gift Fair is next Sunday, Nov. 26! Join us for this annual favorite between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. As in the past, we have invited the participation of those organizations/vendors with which we have deep connections, including Under One Roof, Mano a Mano, Frybread Love/Project Offstreets, Tibet Arts, and—new this year—our own Sanctuary and Resistance team. This is your chance to one-stop shop for gifts that are reasonably priced and whose profits benefit our larger community.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive, reflective workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This two-part workshop will be offered on Saturdays, Dec. 2 & 9, 9–11:30 a.m., and will be led by Channing McKinley, Jeff Sylvestre, and Emma Paskewitz. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Thinking about becoming a member of First Universalist Church in the New Year? The next two-session Pathway to Membership class is set for Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., after the second church services. Free childcare is available, with seven days advance notice before each class. Give yourself a lifetime present! To register, please email sandy@firstuniv.org.

SENIORS HIKE WITH DAYTIME CONNECTIONS

Join other First U seniors for a hike in Lakewood Cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 30! Lakewood Cemetery has more than eight miles of interconnected roadways on the grounds. Established in 1871, it beautifully reflects the history of Minneapolis and First Universalist Church. The group will walk for up to two hours through the grounds. Meet in front of the administration building, just inside the 36th Street entrance, at the cemetery at 10 a.m. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Tom Saterstrom (saterstromtom@yahoo.com or 952-239-3629).

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Hats for the Homeless has been a presence in our church's community outreach for 10 years. The simple gift of warm winter clothing carries the message that our neighbors are not invisible to us and that we carry them in our hearts. As before, we look to First Universalist knitters to support our neighborly connections with donated stocking caps. Patterns are available at: hats4thehomeless.blogspot.com. Contributions of stocking caps, scarves and gloves can be brought to our collection basket in the atrium near the elevator.

HOLIDAY GIVING 2017

Next Sunday, Nov. 26, we'll celebrate the official launch of our 2017 Holiday Giving Program. This year's chosen recipient is the local nonprofit organization Marnita's Table. Learn more in worship next Sunday, in our email newsletter, *The Weekly Liberal*, and on our website.

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: 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:

10/8 United for Puerto Rico Recovery Fund \$3,028.22 (100% of offering to recipient)

10/15 Racial Justice Work \$1,234.76

10/22 MN Interfaith Power & Light \$704.14

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 CHILD WELCOME

For a visit from our welcome team, contact Sara McMullen at saramcminneapolis@gmail.com or Sara McLoone at sjmcloone@gmail.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!



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WORSHIP THEME: SOURCES OF TRUST (FAITH)

INSCRIBED ON YOUR HEART

REV. RUTH MACKENZIE

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

The Give Get Sistet

Mashup of Faith

- Maggie Wheeler, *Walk With Me*; Kendrick Lamar, *Gotta Have Faith*;
Chisholm/Runyan, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*; George Michael, *Faith*

Call to Worship

Sophia Manolis

Opening Hymn #1008 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

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 Augsburg Fairview Academy

Ricky Rushing

Musical Response (Please join when invited.)

The Give Get Sistet

Meditation on Breathing

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

To My Fellow Swimmers

- Margaret Wheatley, Hopi Elders of Oraibi, AZ

Jeremiah 31:2-3, 31-34

- Translated by Eugene Peterson, *The Message*

Musical Offering

Presence of Faith

- Libby Turner

Sermon

Inscribed on Your Heart

Offertory

Improvisations on Faith

Closing Hymn #168 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

One More Step

Closing Words

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Sophia Manolis

Worship Associate

Ricky Rushing

Augsburg Fairview Academy Representative

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Haley Durkee

9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Matthias Dalby

11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

The Give Get Sistet

Artists in Residence

Sarah M. Greer, Jayanthi Kyle, Alicia Steele, Libby Turner

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Rita Franchett of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Augsburg Fairview Academy

Young adults who face educational barriers to achievement are welcomed into Augsburg Fairview Academy (AFA), a public charter high school located in south Minneapolis not far from our doors. The 100+ students come from diverse communities including African American, Somali, and Native American. Many are homeless or marginally housed during the school year. The dedicated and talented staff use positive, strength-based approaches to help students successfully graduate and set clear goals to pursue their dreams beyond high school. AFA is one of First Universalist's six Faithful Action Community Partners for 2017-18; this is the 6th year of our partnership.

About Today's Musical Guest

The Give Get Sistet (www.givegetsistet.com) are our Artists in Residence for 2017/2018. They are collaborating with our worship team to create and curate several services throughout the year, as well as developing a community building project for the spring. The Give Get Sistet is an improvisational chorus of women based in the Twin Cities with ties around the world. These women listen deeply and sing with great generosity and daring. First Universalist is honored to have these fine artists/community builders/activists in our midst.

November Worship Theme: Sources of Trust (Faith)

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church in 1517, he started a conversation about faith that has been going on for centuries for Christians, and by way of religious genealogy, Unitarian Universalists. Is "faith" simply an assent or agreement with a set of belief statements or is "faith" a question of trust? Where do you place your trust? Where do you find your strength? What holds you when there is nothing to hold onto? As Unitarian Universalists, we state that our sources of faith and trust come from: Direct experience of that transcending mystery that creates and upholds life; The words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice and compassion; The wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science; And spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. This month we ask: "What are your sources of trust?"