



# GET CONNECTED

## FINAL WELLSPRING INFO SESSION: TODAY

Join us for an informational session to learn about Wellspring at First Universalist Church! UU Wellspring is a program of distinctly Unitarian Universalist spiritual development, offering the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience. Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate in Wellspring for the first time in 2018–2019. Our final info session will be offered today, Sunday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Come early at 11:15 for snacks and socializing!

## LAKE HARRIET OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Join us for our annual outdoor worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.! We'll enjoy music, an inspiring message from Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink, and a delicious potluck picnic together afterwards. This will be our only service on this Sunday. Watch for more details as we get closer to Aug. 12!

## PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

If First Universalist is feeling like your spiritual home, then we hope you'll take part in the Pathway to Membership! This new member class is a great chance to build community, explore Unitarian Universalism and our church's unique history, and learn how to get involved. This two-part class will be offered next on Sundays, Aug. 19 & 26, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Sign up by contacting Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701. Childcare is available free of charge with at least seven days advance notice.

## FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

We'll be hosting Families Moving Forward Aug. 26–Sept. 9 this year, and we'll need 125 volunteers to help! Watch for more information and the opportunity to sign up later this summer.

## OPEN HEARTS AND SPIRITUAL CARE

We know that worship takes us into deep and surprising places. If you find yourself needing to talk with someone about what is stirring for you on a Sunday morning, please speak with one of our pastoral visitors sitting in the narthex during and after the service. This is how we care for one another.

## SUMMER CHOIR: NEXT SUNDAY

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but you can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you! The Summer Choir sings on third Sundays of the Summer months (July 15 and Aug. 19). Join us! Rehearsals are at 9 a.m. on the day of the service, and services begin at 10 a.m. Yes, only one rehearsal on the day of the service! Music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact [randy@firstuniv.org](mailto:randy@firstuniv.org).

# 99% In

Amount Committed for  
2018–19 (as of June 27):

**\$1,079,844**

Amount Budgeted:

**\$1,174,500**



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# WELCOME

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.

## Are You Visiting?

Come to First Step, a brief orientation to First Universalist Church and Unitarian Universalism. First Step is generally offered on first and third Sundays.

## Our next orientation takes place: Sunday, July 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 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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

## CYCLE OF LIFE

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](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701. If you would like support, contact the church office or Rev. Ruth MacKenzie at 612-825-1701 or any member of our Pastoral Visitor Team.

## 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 info**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

## OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

5/20 High School Youth Trips and Programming \$757.18

5/27 Voices for Racial Justice \$365.40

6/3 EMERGE \$485.21

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate).

## Text to Give

To make a donation to the offering plate via credit card, use your smartphone to text **firstuniv** to **73256**. You'll receive a link to a secure form where you can enter your info. You may also use the Square Cash app using our cash tag, \$firstuniv. Thank you for your generosity!

## GET OUR NEWSLETTER

*The Weekly Liberal*, our email newsletter is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal)

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Need a Ride?

We can help with at least one week's notice. Contact Anne McBean at 612-388-0660 or [mcbea001@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbea001@yahoo.com) if you need help with a ride or would like to offer a ride to a congregant.



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SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

# AWAKENINGS

JACK GAEDE

JULY 8, 2018

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**Music for Gathering**

Franco Holder

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Bellsound****Prelude**

Franco Holder

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**Opening Hymn #77 (Please rise in body or spirit)***Seek Not Afar for Beauty***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**

Franco Holder

**Silence****Cycle of Life**

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

**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***Watermelon*

- Lynn Ungar

Excerpt from *Emergent Strategy*

- adrienne maree brown

**Musical Offering**

Franco Holder

**Sermon***Awakenings***Offertory**

Franco Holder

**Closing Hymn #151 (Please rise in body or spirit)***I Wish I Knew How***Closing Words**

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Blessing in Song #413***Go Now in Peace***Worship Leaders**

Jack Gaede

Guest Speaker

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister

Franco Holder

Pianist

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers were arranged by Meredith Sims of the Visual Arts Committee.

**Offering: Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity**

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) is an ecumenical ministry whose mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience. Each year, in partnership with donors and volunteers, TCHFH builds or repairs approximately 50 homes. Additionally, TCHFH repairs 140 homes each year through the 'A Brush with Kindness' program and has served more than 5,000 local homeowners through the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. TCHFH vision: a Twin Cities region where hard-working families can own homes in healthy neighborhoods with access to jobs, transportation, and quality schools. First Universalist Church of Minneapolis organizes a Habitat for Humanity Work Week each summer; sign up for our Summer 2018 Work Week at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/habitat-for-humanity-sign-up-form/>. A few volunteer spots are still available.

**About Today's Guest Speaker**

Jack Gaede is the new Director of Congregational Community at White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi, MN. He recently completed his ministerial internship at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Kansas City under the mentorship of Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons. He obtained his Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in May of 2017, and he has also served as the Intern for Justice & Religious Leadership at MUUSJA (Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance). First Universalist Church was Jack's home congregation throughout his ministerial formation, and he is deeply grateful for the care and investment that you placed in him. He plans to take that support with him wherever his ministry path takes him.

**Summer Worship Theme: Emergence**

We humans look at a flock of birds flying overhead, sketching awe-inspiring designs in the sky, and think the birds must be following a leader. But leadership alone has never been the full measure of history nor the full inspiration of the beauty and patterns that emerge from a community of birds in flight. In fact, the patterns we see in the sky are made by each individual bird bringing to the group its own creativity and reacting to the movement of two or three of its neighbors. It is a dance between freedom and faithful followship. Our work in community, our efforts in justice making, and patterns of right relationship emerge in the same dance between freedom (our own creativity) and faithful following (our commitment to our neighbors, community). Together we create patterns of love and justice. This summer we ask: what makes something emerge? How and when do we lead? How and when do we follow? Where and how do we place our attention? What is emerging?