



BULLETIN

Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you are here. Please join us regularly for Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM.

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Our next orientation takes place April 20th; meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 30-minute overview. No sign up needed and coffee & childcare are provided.

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 our Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Lauren Wyeth, at lauren@firstuniv.org.

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 about First Universalist, go to our website: www.firstuniversalist.org stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.

Child Dedication

The only upcoming Child Dedication service will be held at both services on Sunday, May 11. If you're ready to have a child dedicated at First Universalist, fill out the form on our website, under Contact Us--Online Forms-- as soon as possible. It needs to be into the office before Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Daytime Connections

Thursday, April 17

10:30-noon, Cummins Room

Lunch to follow

Come learn and discuss some practical issues around aging including advanced directives and changing housing needs. In addition to learning from each other, the Director of Social Services from Walker Methodist will join us. Daytime Connections meets on the third Thursday of the month and is for folks in the latter half of life. RSVPs are appreciated; please contact Terri Burnor at terri@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

Habitat for Humanity & 'The House That Love Built': Sign Up Online!

Work begins on 'The House That Love Built' May 5-9th, and we need helping hands!

To sign up online, visit our website at: www.firstuniversalistchurch.org.

Questions can be directed to Chuck Coskran at chuck4199@yahoo.com or Tom Saterstrom at saterstromtom@yahoo.com.



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The Deadline for May 'Liberal' is April 15!

Don't forget that the next deadline, for the upcoming May edition of The Liberal, is April 15th. Please note that the May edition of the Liberal will be the last edition published before it goes on its 'summer vacation'. For additional information about The Liberal (and communications in general), read the article on page six in the latest edition of The Liberal--the April edition is online, posted on our website, at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/communications/the-liberal/>

Art 4 U in Social Hall

This is the final week for the ART 4 U sale. Many wonderful pieces remain, some at reduced prices, so be sure to stop by the social hall to select a piece created by a member or friend of our congregation. All proceeds go to the work of our church!

The Pathway to Membership

Could First Universalist be the home for your spiritual journey? The Pathway to Membership invites participants into a more in-depth exploration of Unitarian Universalism, the history of this congregation, and experience of membership. The Pathway to Membership is a requirement for membership.

Our last class before next fall will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00am-3:00pm. We hope you can join us!

To register, please contact the Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink at elaine@firstuniv.org. Childcare is available free of charge by filling out the childcare request form online by May 2.

Have You Left Something In the Kitchen?

On Monday, April 14, all the items on the table by the kitchen doors will either be donated, transferred to our main lost-and-found, or thrown away. If you have a water bottle, candle holders, or other items in this area, please come and claim them! Going forward, this table will be cleared on the first of each month.

Tilling the Soil for Racial Justice Work: Discussing "Race: The Power of an Illusion"

Join us as we watch part one of "Race: The Power of an Illusion". In "The Difference Between Us," the first hour of the series, we see that, despite what we've always believed, the world's people simply don't come bundled in distinct biological groups. We are offering two screenings and discussions:

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00pm in the Cummins Room

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30pm in Room 203

Young Families Easter Party

Saturday, April 19, 9-11am
in the Chalice Room

Come celebrate the Easter season with the littlest members of our church community. All families with children ages 0-5 years are invited to attend. Join us for a light breakfast of bagels and fruit followed by games, crafts, egg dying and egg hunting for all! Don't forget your Easter basket. (Older siblings are welcome too.)



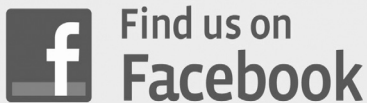
The Ill-Fitting Grief of Ambiguous Loss

Rev. Kelli Clement

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Music by:
John Jensen
Alan Kolderie

April 13, 2014



Music for Gathering

Excerpts from English Folk Songs
-Ralph Vaughn Williams

John Jensen
Alan Kolderie

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Bell Sound

Opening Hymn 38

Morning Has Broken
(teal hymnal)

Wisdom Story

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

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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Hymn for Children 211

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Hymn of Prayer 123

Spirit of Life

*Spirit of life, come unto me,
Sing in my heart all the strings 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.*

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Reading

When Snow Comes
-Rev. A. Powell Davies

Rev. Kelli Clement

Musical Offering

Excerpts from English Folk Songs
-Ralph Vaughn Williams

John Jensen
Alan Kolderie

Sermon

The Ill-Fitting Grief of Ambiguous Loss

Rev. Kelli Clement

Offertory

Excerpts from English Folk Songs
-Ralph Vaughn Williams

John Jensen
Alan Kolderie

Closing Hymn 1018

Come and Go With Me
(teal hymnal)

Closing Words

Rev. Kelli Clement

Blessing in Song 413

Now Go in Peace

Music for the Journey

John Jensen

Worship Leaders

Rev. Kelli Clement	Executive Director, Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership & Adult Ministries
John Jensen	Director of Music/Pianist
Alan Kolderie	Musical Guest

Chalice Lighters

Sylvia Leppik	9:30 AM
Rui Rui Bleifuss	11:15 AM

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship Arts
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Offering
Minnesota Neighborhoods Organizing for Change

Chancel Flowers
Today's flowers were arranged by Karen Johnson of the Visual Arts Committee.

Worship Theme:

Life Beyond Your Wildest Dreams

This month, we delve into the power of imagination, and dreaming big as pivotal factors in creating a world of wholeness.
What is a dream that is brighter?
What are the dreams that reach beyond you?
What is life beyond your wildest dreams?