

BULLETIN

Welcome!

We are so glad that you are here.

At First Universalist Church, in the spirit of love and hope, our mission is to practice giving, receiving, and growing. We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human hear; we act outside of our walls; we listen to where love is calling us next. 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.

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. **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 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.firstuniversalistchurch.org stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs after services, or call our church office, 612-825-1701.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service

8/10 Northside Achievement Zone \$363

8/17 Racial Justice \$565

8/24 Sheridan Story \$459

To nominate an offering recipient, go to:

www.firstuniversalistchurch.com/offering-plate

Oil Paintings by Carl Bretzke in Social Hall

Sept. 7 – Oct. 12

Carl is a representational painter who specializes in studio and plein aire (painted from life) landscapes and urban scenes. His work has been exhibited extensively in Minnesota and California, including the Minneapolis Institute of Art. He is currently represented by Flanders Contemporary Art in Minneapolis.

Let Us Keep You In Our Thoughts a Prayers

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy - please let us know. If you'd like to be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, please contact Sandy diNanni at (sandy@firstuniv.org) or (612) 825-1701. If you would like support, please contact Rev. Jen Crow (jen@firstuniv.org or 825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

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Connect and Reflect in a Circle This Fall

Our Circles are groups of 8-10 committed participants who come together with a trained leader to nurture spiritual growth in community. These groups are grounded in the spiritual practices of deep listening and open-hearted reflection.

Which circle might be right for you?

Community Circles offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our Sunday services and monthly worship themes.

Spiritual Deepening Circles gather for in-depth study of a particular topic or spiritual practice, such as The New Jim Crow: A Reading Circle, Writing Your Legacy Letter, and Mostly Silence Meditation.

Newcomer Circles offer an opportunity to learn more about our liberal faith tradition and connect with others who are getting to know First Universalist.

Care Circles offer participants support and encouragement during a particularly challenging period of their lives.

Online registration begins today and runs through Sunday, September 21. **Sign up in the social hall or online at <http://firstucircles.weebly.com>.** For more information, contact Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink at elaine@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701 x124.



Under Northern Skies

Self-identified women who are interested in earth-based spirituality are welcome to attend the next open ritual of the Under Northern Skies Women's Ritual Circle on Monday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 105. Join us to celebrate the Full Moon in Pisces! Contact Beth at belovedporcupine@gmail.com for more information.

Tilling the Soil for Racial Justice

Monthly Discussions About Racial Justice

Join us for a meaningful discussion of *White Like Me*, part-memoir and part-polemical essay by Tim Wise. Wise examines what it means to be white in a nation created for the benefit of those who are "white like him," and how privilege seeps into every institutional arrangement, from education to employment to the justice system. All are welcome!

This book discussion will take place in room 203 at these times:

Sunday, **Sept. 14**, 1:00-2:30pm

Tuesday, **Sept. 16**, 6:30-8:00pm

For more information, contact Clemma Muller (clemmaj@gmail.com) or Kayci Rush (kayci.rush@gmail.com). You can also email them to purchase this book for \$8.99. Childcare is available free of charge by signing up online via the childcare request form at least seven days in advance.



First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

In the Universalist spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow.



The Color of Water

Water Communion Service

Rev. Justin Schroeder

September 7, 2014

Music for Gathering

Au lac de Wallenstadt
-Franz Liszt

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Gathering the Waters From Without

Live in Love
-Ann Reed

Ann Reed
Joan Griffith

Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

Opening Hymn #1000

Morning Has Come
(teal hymnal)

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
(reprinted with permission by the UUA)

Musical Interlude

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

Hymn of Prayer # 123

Spirit of Life (seated)

*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
(reprinted with permission by the UUA)

Reading

I've Known Rivers
-Langston Hughes

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Musical Offering

This Year I Sing
-Ann Reed

Ann Reed
Joan Griffith

Sermon

The Color of Water

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Dropped Down in the Water
-Ann Reed

Ann Reed
Joan Griffith

Gathering the Waters From Within

Rain Storm

Congregation

Blessing of the Water

Rev. Justin Schroeder, Rev. Jen Crow,
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie, Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Closing Hymn #1064

Blue Boat Home
(teal hymnal)

Blessing in Song # 413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Jen Crow	Minister of Program Life
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship Arts and Youth Ministries
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Interim Accompanist
Ann Reed	Guest Musician
Joan Griffith	Guest Musician
Sherry Saterstrom	Choreographer
Satya Mamdani	Dancer
Keegan Robinson	Dancer
Catlin Rogers	Dancer
Zo Spratt	Dancer

FamilyWater Bearers

Mamdani/McKinley Family
Spratt/Rush Family
Robinson Family
Rogers Family and Friends

Chalice Lighters

Elizabeth Becher-Ingwalson	9:30
Kate Gegax	11:15

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Chancel Arrangement

Today's flowers are donated by the Bishop family in memory of Dan Bishop, and arranged by Candace McClenahan.

Offering

Fresh Water Society

The mission of **the Freshwater Society** is to promote the conservation, protection and restoration of all freshwater resources. Since 1968 – two years before the first Earth Day – the Freshwater Society has been a leading public nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving, restoring, and protecting freshwater resources and their surrounding watersheds. To achieve this goal, Fresh Water Society dedicates its experience and resources to activities that lead to the understanding, protection, enhancement, and restoration of freshwater resources, and invites other constituencies and stakeholders to join them.

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Please note: if you are making a pledge payment today, by check, note that in the memo line.