

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Soloist

Dom Wooten

Tenor Dominique Wooten studied vocal performance at University of Northern Iowa. Originally from New Jersey, Dom has been in the Twin Cities for a little over three years. He has been seen on the Bloomington Civic Theater, Minnesota Opera, and Mill City Summer Opera stages in the choruses and various roles. This spring you can see Dom as Billy in Bloomington Civic Theater's Carousel. He is extremely pleased to be singing at First Universalist Church and would like to thank Randy Buikema for the gracious introduction. Dom would also like to thank the ministerial staff, church staff, and the congregation for having him.

Arranger

Ian Cook

Ian A. Cook is an active composer, vocalist, and trombonist in the Twin Cities. His compositions have been performed across the country by ensembles such as the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers, the Academy of Voices, the Northern Symphony Orchestra, the Lirica Chamber Ensemble, and at the Aries Composers Festival. He currently performs in the National Lutheran Choir, the Academy of Voices, and the First Universalist choir and orchestra. Ian graduated in 2012 from St. Olaf College, works in the office for the Northfield Youth Choirs and a member of First Universalist Choir.

Our Prayer of the Day

Vivek Pandit

A prayer sung each day at the girl's school, Vidhayak Sansad

This is the dream of my life
May it come true
May the children of human beings
Live with human dignity

May no one sell their bodies
To quell the pangs of hunger,
And may my inner urge ever be
To destroy oppression

May the flowers yet to bloom
Not be trampled underfoot
May every breath I take
Help new flowers to bloom

May I never be weak, vulnerable
And powerless
May I find within myself
The strength to contain storms

The night that has just passed
Was the longest and darkest
Let the emerging rays
Live forever in the huts of the poor

May those who have no food
And no dignity, be my inspiration
May every step I take today
Be in the service of that God

This is my prayer
May it come true
May the children of human beings
Live with human dignity.



WELCOME!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service:

- 1/25 MN Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice \$1,025
- 1/18 Racial Justice Work \$1,079
- 1/11 Simpson Shelter Meals \$1,442
- 1/4 Walk-In Counseling \$939

To nominate an offering recipient, go to:
www.firstuniversalistchurch.com/offering-plate

Are You Visiting?

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! Sunday, February 15

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.

LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & 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.

We are so glad that 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 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.

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 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.

The Weekly Liberal

Want to know what's going on at First Universalist Church? *The Weekly Liberal* (our weekly newsletter) is for you! If you aren't already on the e-news distribution list and would like to be, simply sign up online by visiting our website or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, too, that paper copies of *The Weekly Liberal* will always be available in the office and at Sunday's services.



FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
OF MINNEAPOLIS

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MAKE THEM HEAR YOU

REV. RUTH MACKENZIE

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Velkomme Med Aera

(Welcome with Honor)

-Geirr Tveitt

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jen Crow

Bellsound

Prelude

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Ufie III

-Christian Onyeji

Call to Worship

Marion Bauer

Opening Hymn #148 (please rise in body or spirit)

Let Freedom Span Both East and West

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 of Unity #157 (please remain seated)

Step by Step

Sing 2x through

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

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Our Prayer of the Day

-Vivek Pandit

(A prayer sung each day at the girl’s school, Vidhayak Sansad Usgaon, India)

Anthem

Dr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

Make Them Hear You

First Universalist Choir & Orchestra

-Ahrens/Flaherty

Dom Wooten, Soloist

-Arr. for First Universalist by Ian Cook

Sermon

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Make Them Hear You

Sermon Response #157 (please remain seated)

Step by Step

Sing once

Offertory

Dr. Randal Buikema, Conductor

Nessun Dorma

First Universalist Choir & Orchestra

-Giacomo Puccini

Closing Words

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Blessing in Song # 413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Danza Valenciana

-Joaquin Rodrigo

Worship Leaders

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister of Worship & Coming of Age

Rev. Jen Crow

Minister of Program Life

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Pianist

Dom Wooten

Musical Soloist

First Universalist Choir and Orchestra

Chalice Lighters

Coming of Age Youth

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth Mackenzie

Minister of Worship Arts

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers are donated by Gail Manning and David Richards in memory of their daughter, Claire. Claire passed away in July of 2014 and would have been 25 this weekend. The flowers were arranged by Rita Franchett of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Holdeen India Program

The Unitarian Universalist Holdeen India Program (UUHIP) works with organiza-tions of India’s most vulnerable groups as they seek to advance empowerment and promote equity. The Program is committed to enabling these groups to transform their social and economic conditions in directions of their own choosing. Rather than provide grants for sectoral, discrete, or time-based projects, UUHIP sup-ports long-term organizational partnerships in a spirit of solidarity. UUHIP also facilitates extended volunteering opportunities for those who wish to apply their professional skills while serving in India.

A Note on Today’s Music from Jerrod Wendland:

Today’s music celebrates the contact with other cultures – not only the contact made possible by travel to other places, but also the real contact that only happens when we listen to other voices. The first of these three pieces is a folk song from the Hardangar region of Norway; the other two are dances from Nigeria and Spain, respectively.

Worship Theme:

We Are The Ones We’ve Been Waiting For

This phrase is the final statement of a writing attributed to Hopi Elders (which is in doubt), referenced by President Obama in 2008, but probably originates with the poet June Jordan in a commemoration of South African women. Although no one is really certain about its origins, the statement rocks the spirit and challenges our understandings of how the world works and the part we play. The beloved commu-nity, the kingdom of God, a world of peace will not come about simply by following a great leader or praying for a messiah. *We are the ones we’ve been waiting for*. This month we address ourselves, and our place in the change we seek.