

GET CONNECTED

Climate Conversations

You are invited to Climate Conversations in the Cummins Room on March 29th, from 12:30-2:30. This conversation is organized by First Universalist Environmental Justice Education Group. The conversation will be facilitated by MN Interfaith Power and Light. Share your climate beliefs and concerns with your fellow churchgoers. Learn to conduct conversations that connect and engage others. Begin discussing ideas for meaningful actions on climate change. Adults and youth welcome. A light lunch will be available.

WANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE IN FERGUSON?

Come see *'Hands Up Don't Shoot Our Youth Movement'* here at church. It's a documentary filmed in Ferguson on the day of Michael Brown's funeral, by Ralph Crowder III. We'll be screening it on **Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 in the Social Hall**, and you will have a chance to meet the filmmaker. Contrasting with the mainstream media coverage and speculation of the events leading up to his death, you will see, hear and feel the perspective of African Americans there about how he died.



Nominating Committee is Recruiting

The Nominating Committee is actively recruiting candidates for leadership positions on the **Board of Trustees**, the **Foundation Board**, and the **Nominating Committee** itself for the next church year. We believe the congregation is full of untapped talent and encourage people to step forward and share their skills. To qualify for any of these positions, you must be a member in good standing of the church. Elections occur at the Annual Meeting in June. Go online to view more detailed position descriptions and apply. Contact any Nominating Committee member to find out more: Ginny McAninch (chair), Deborah Talen, Doug Smalley, Bob Albrecht, David Lauth, Greg Hoelzer, and Lark Weller, Board of Trustees representative. Email nomination@firstuniv.org

Congregational Care Chore Team

Can you help with simple chores? Do you need help with simple chores? Congregational Care is creating a group to help congregants with simple household tasks, most of them seasonal, such as removing an air conditioner in the fall, putting it back in in the spring; draining garden hoses in the fall, changing furnace filters; changing lightbulbs, changing faucet washers. These are chores that most of us do easily until we can't. With a little help from our friends, though, we can stay in our own home longer. Simple chores do not include painting, plumbing, electrical work or other household repairs, snow shoveling, raking leaves—although we may be able to offer referrals to professionals for those services. Contact Bob Friedman at rmarcf@usfamily.net or 612-722-4705 if you would like to be part of the team or if you need help with a simple chore.

WELCOME!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday service:

3/8	Youth Cultural Exchange \$1,315
3/1	Courageous Hearts \$1,057
2/22	Racial Justice \$979
2/15	Holdeen India Program \$1,862

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:

Sunday, April 5th

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 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.



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A DANGEROUS FAITH PART II

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

MARCH 22, 2015

<div>Music for Gathering</div> <div>Everything in its Right Place</div> <div>- Radiohead, arr. Christopher O’Riley</div>	Dr. Jerrod Wendland	<div>Hymn of Prayer # 123 (please remain seated)</div> <div>Spirit of Life</div> <div>Spirit of life, come unto me,</div> <div>Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion</div> <div>Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:</div> <div>Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.</div> <div>Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.</div> <div>Spirit of Life, come to me. Come to me.</div> <div>-Carolyn McDade</div> <div>(reprinted with permission by the UUA)</div>
<div>Words of Welcome</div>	Rev. Justin Schroeder	
<div>Bellsound</div>		
<div>Prelude</div> <div>Hallelujah</div> <div>-Leonard Cohen</div>	The Universal Rock Band	<div>Reading</div> <div>From A Witness to the Truth</div> <div>- Martin Luther King, Jr.</div> <div>Reflection</div> <div>-C.T. Vivian</div>
<div>Call to Worship</div>	Pat Gottschalk	<div>Musical Offering</div> <div>Grace</div> <div>-Bono/U2</div>
<div>Opening Hymn #1017 (please rise in body or spirit)</div> <div>Building a New Way (teal hymnal)</div>		<div>Sermon</div> <div>A Dangerous Faith, Part II</div>
<div>Lighting the Chalice</div> <div>Love is the spirit of this church,</div> <div>and service is its law.</div> <div>This is our great covenant:</div> <div>To dwell together in peace,</div> <div>to seek the truth in love,</div> <div>and to help one another.</div> <div>-James V. Blake</div> <div>(reprinted with permission by the UUA)</div>		<div>Offertory</div> <div>Let it Be</div> <div>-Lennon/McCartney</div>
<div>Cycle of Life</div>	Rev. Justin Schroeder	<div>Closing Hymn # 1021 (please rise in body or spirit)</div> <div>Lean on Me (teal hymnal)</div>
		<div>Closing Words</div>
		<div>Blessing in Song #413</div> <div>Go Now in Peace</div>
		<div>Music for the Journey</div> <div>Lets Work Together</div> <div>- Wilbert Harrison</div>

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
The Universal Rock Band:	

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The Universal Rock Band is David Lauth, Alan Ware, Larry LaVercombe and Grant Foster. David, Alan and Larry are long-time members of First Universalist Church; David currently serves on the nominating committee and is a former congregation president; Larry served on the Search Committee that chose Rev. Justin Schroeder as our senior minister.

Chalice Lighters

Katelyn Berry	9:30
Kate Gegax	11:15

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship Arts
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Chancel Flowers

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

Offering: Racial Justice Work

Your gift helps support the many ways we live into our racial justice calling as a faith community. Our racial justice work is multi-faceted. We host trainings, and community circles. We host films for discussion like the upcoming premier of “Hands Up Don’t Shoot Our Youth Movement.” We invite ministers of color and community leaders to share their message such as Bishop Carlton Pearson, Rev. Danny Givens Jr. and Winona LaDuke. Your generosity helps deepen, and widen our work for racial justice.

Worship Theme: Grace

The great theologian Paul Tillich once described grace as that thing which breaks into our lives and surprises us into wholeness. We are struck alive like a bell awakened with sound and purpose, and we ring with a new pattern. Grace bestows assurance, grounding, and hope. Tillich says, “Grace transforms fate into a meaningful destiny; it changes guilt into confidence and courage.” This month we explore the nature and movements of grace.