



# CHILD DEDICATION

## 9:30 AM

**Spencer Devens**, age 9, is the son of Scott and Christy Devens, who are thrilled to bring Spencer up in this faith community. He enjoys the RE program, including the engaging lessons and the consistent contact with friends at church. Spencer loves to read, play drums, shoot baskets, and roll by bike or by scooter. Spencer's parents are in constant appreciation of life and love as they watch their son grow.

**Finlay Grey Gordon**, age 11, son of Douglas and Lisa Gordon, is great at ski racing, mountain biking and rock climbing. He can seem fearless, and is at his best during real emergencies. He is learning to play the violin and is on a swim team. Finlay loves to play or watch Minecraft or other electronic games or gadgets. He is very intelligent, a fierce competitor, and has a tender heart.

**Willem Birch Gordon**, son of Douglas and Lisa Gordon, is 9 years old. He is great at tennis, ski racing and making friends, and has just joined a swim team. He is very empathic and affectionate. Willem loves all animals and feels strongly that we should all treat others like we would like to be treated. Their family hopes that Willem and Finlay will be immersed in an environment that lives and ponders UU values, and that among the many competing cultural influences the boys will be experiencing, they will have James Blake's covenant and the practice of gratitude as a foundation.

**Julia Gottschalk**, age 4 ½, daughter of Joy and Bart Gottschalk, is a quick, curious little girl who loves to explore, learn how things work, celebrate birthdays, plan games, make toys out of recycling, sing, dance, paint, fly kites, eat like a cat, and giggle! Her grandparents, Pat and Larry, love to see Julia's sense of belonging and having fun at First Universalist, and her bond with her RE teachers. They wish for her a strong sense of support as her life unfolds in her church community.

**Ruby Gottschalk**, age 2 ½, daughter of Joy and Bart Gottschalk, can be shy, but she loves to run and cuddle and read books, stick things on the window, drink chocolate milk, giggle, wrap her purple blanket around her shoulders, put on necklaces, pet the kitty, color with markers, eat cookies and play peekaboo. Their wish for Ruby is that she find deep support and acceptance at First Universalist as she grows and explores her big world.

**Margot Lukkasson**, born last December to Sara and Brian Lukkasson, is a happy, sweet baby who loves to smile, cuddle, and giggle. Her parents look forward to Margot being part of the supportive and nurturing community at First Universalist where she will be encouraged to be herself, explore the world and be compassionate toward others.



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**Harriet Kristi Tralle**, born last November to Claire and Andrew Tralle, is a vivacious 5 month old who is fascinated by the world around her. She loves investigating new people & places. Animals (especially dogs) guarantee a smile and laughter. She might actually think she's a puppy. We hope that she continues her sense of curiosity as she grows within this faith community.

**Aiden Zachary**, born last November to Che and Tricia Zachary, has a contagious smile and LOVES to stand. His smile is magic because it makes everyone who sees it smile right back. You can tell that Aiden already loves his family.

## 11:15 AM

**Anthony Huber** is the son of Andrew and Jennifer Huber. A year ago today, they welcomed their miracle bambino into this world. They felt immediate gratitude that Anthony Jon chose THEM for the awesome gift of parenting him. Their "meatball" keeps them energized, laughing hysterically and brings moments of family peace to their days. He loves food, music and more food. Their hope for Anthony is to continue to live a life of playful curiosity; that he surround himself with diverse people and cultures; and that he live a life of intentional gratitude and lots of JOY.

**Rohan Miles**, born this past February to Ben and Portia Miles, is in wonder of this world, with active hands, legs and wandering eyes. The Miles' say they are blessed to bring him into this community.

**Elijah Sunderlin**, age 5, the son of Benjamin and Shelly Sunderlin, is a funny, kind-hearted kindergartener who loves reading, seafood, and amusing his sister. His family hopes for him a life full of meaning and giving to others, that he continues to learn the importance of all living creatures, and places value on caring for others and standing up for the injustice he sees in the world.

**Riley Sunderlin**, born in November 2013, is the daughter of Ben and Shelly Sunderlin. Riley is a spirited, sweet one year old who is on the verge of discovering all of the great things she will do in the future. She is full of love for her family, but especially adores her brother, Eli, and her cat, George. Ben's and Shelly's hopes for Riley are that she always sees life as a group effort lived in a community of caring individuals.

**Skyler Vdakes**, age 13, son of Chris and Lena Vdakes, is a creative, helpful and loving individual. He loves creating with Legos, playing Magic the Gathering, listening to music, and spending time outside. His parents hope the community at First Universalist will help and inspire Skyler in his journey into adulthood.

**Amelie Vdakes**, age 8, daughter of Lena and Chris Vdakes, is a caring, charismatic girl. She loves animals, completing workbooks, making art, and dressing up. Her parents are looking forward to seeing her grow in the First Universalist community and inherit the beliefs of the church.



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



Worship Theme: Thresholds

## MOTHERING AND MESSINESS

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

FIRST UNIVERSALIST FOLK BAND

*MAY 10, 2015*

**Music for Gathering**

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Bellsound**

**Prelude**

First Universalist Folk Band

*The Window*  
-Leonard Cohen

**Call to Worship**

Patsy Vinogradov

**Opening Hymn #1051 (please rise in body or spirit)**

*We Are*  
(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  
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**Musical Interlude**

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

**Child Dedication**

Rev. Justin Schroeder  
Rev. Jen Crow

**Song for Children**

*Lullaby*  
-Billy Joel

David Lauth

**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**

*Rites of Passage*  
-Sharon Olds

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Musical Offering**

*On the Road to Find Out*  
-Cat Stevens

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Dick Hendsold, Director

**Sermon**

*Mothering and Messiness*

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Offertory**

*Mother's Day Waltz*  
-Dick Hensold

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**Closing Hymn #128 (please rise in body or spirit)**

*For All That Is Our Life*

**Closing Words**

Rev. Justin Schroeder

**Blessing in Song #413 (please rise in body or spirit)**

*Go Now in Peace*

**Music for the Journey**

*Hugh O'Donnell*  
-Turlough O'Carolan

First Universalist Folk Band  
Dick Hendsold, Director

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister  
Rev. Jen Crow Minister of Program Life  
Dr. Jerrod Wendland Pianist  
Dick Hensold Folk Band Director,  
Northumbrian Smallpipes, String Bass

Folk Band:

Jill Conrad Violin and Vocals  
Howard Hobbs Guitar, Autoharp and Vocals  
Ron Parker Guitar and Vocals  
Eric Roberts Banjo  
Sylvia Scoggin Violin and Vocals  
Allan Steinhauer Vocals  
David Thomas Clarinet

David Lauth Soloist  
Tina Wade Hymn Leader

**Chalice Lighters**

Nadia Bierbaum 9:30  
Olivia Dalby 11:15

**Worship Design and Coordination**

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister of Worship Arts

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers were arranged and donated by Karen Johnson to honor our mothers and all of our "other mothers" wherever they may be.

**Offering: Youth Cultural Exchange**

The Youth Cultural Exchange is a Faithful Action program of First Universalist Church. Since 1993, 95 youth from our church have participated in this exchange program with youth from Poland, Ecuador and Nicaragua. In 2005, YCE has partnered with Project Minnesota-Leon (PML) to create an exchange program with youth from Leon, Nicaragua. Our youth are matched with a Nicaraguan teenager and they stay in their home so they can develop an authentic relationship and learn from each other. The youth from our church then raise money over a 2-year period to pay for their Nicaraguan exchange students to fly to Minnesota and stay with their Minnesotan exchange student and family. Participants in the program are in grades 7 – 9. At the heart of this program is a mission of deepening understanding and friendships between people and cultures, as well as expanding the worldview of our youth.

**Worship Theme: Thresholds**

The nature of thresholds is that there is one foot in what *was* and one foot in what is *to become*. The *present* of thresholds is a lesson in pausing, noticing, remembering, and dreaming. This month we practice suspending our wish to know, and our penchant for planning, and surrender ourselves to the spiritual journey of not knowing, and living comfortably between worlds.