



GET CONNECTED!

Worship Theme for Summer: Sources

Within the pores and cracks of the earth fresh water gathers. Sometimes source water rises to the surface on its own accord. Sometimes you have to dig to find it. In either case, water feeds the body and sustains the soul. So too, sources for our spiritual life act in much the same way, gathering in the pores and cracks of our lives. Sometimes, a source of strength is easy to access. Sometimes you have to dig to find the well of faith that will sustain. This summer we explore sources: sources of faith, love and hope.

Join Us On Our Racial Justice Journey! Fall 2015

You're invited to apply to participate in the next 24-hour racial justice training led by Dr. Heather Hackman this fall!

Dr. Hackman's approach is multi-faceted, and provides a foundation for shifting our entire "lens" toward racial justice, as we understand the ways that race, racism, and whiteness work in the world around us. We'll be partnering with members from Judson Memorial Baptist Church in this training, as they deepen their commitment to becoming a faith community committed to racial justice. There is room for 30 First Universalist participants in this training, and we expect these spots to fill up fast. For additional information, visit our website at:

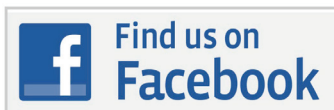
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Join The Summer Choir

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but you can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you. The Summer Choir is scheduled to sing July 12 and August 23. Rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the service. Yes, only one rehearsal on the day of the service. The music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome!! If you have any questions, contact randy@firstuniv.org.

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL SUMMER WORSHIP

Save the date for our summer worship service and picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell: Sunday, August 30 at 10:00 AM.



WELCOME!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Did you know that we've given away over \$45,000 this year to non-profits in our community? Thank you for your generosity!

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, July 5

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

The Weekly Liberal (our weekly newsletter) is on summer vacation starting May 29th. For the months of June and July, monthly issues will be published on the 15th of each month. The regular, weekly production schedule of *The Weekly Liberal* will resume on August 15th, 2015.

Do you have news or information for the summer editions that you'd like to see published in *The Weekly Liberal*?

Visit our website and fill out the online submission form!



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SELMA: THEN & NOW

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

JUNE 28, 2015

Music for Gathering
Piano Miniature No. 12
–Mohammed Fairouz

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude
Piano Miniature No. 7
–Mohammed Fairouz

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Katie Oberle

Opening Hymn #146 (Please stand in body or spirit)
Soon the Day Will Arrive

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

Context
Selma: Then & Now

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Musical Interlude

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Justin Schroeder

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

From *The Selma Awakening*
-Mark Morrison-Reed

Nora Sylvestre

Musical Offering

America Never Was America to Me
To the memory of Trayvon Martin, respectfully
-Mohammed Fairouz

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Sermon

Who Are You In Relationship With?

Eric Cooperstein

Offertory

Piano Miniature No. 6 - Addio
-Mohammed Fairouz

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Closing Hymn #126 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Liberace
-Mohammed Fairouz

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Sr. Minister
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Katie Oberle	Worship Associate
Eric Cooperstein	Preacher
Nora Sylvestre	Reader

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Justin Schroeder Senior Minister

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were arranged by Mary Johnson of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Youth Cultural Exchange

Church member Barb Benner started YCE in 1993. Since then about 95 youth from our church have participated in exchange programs with youth from Poland, Ecuador and Nicaragua. YCE has partnered with Project Minnesota-Leon (PML) since 2005 to create an exchange program with youth from Leon, Nicaragua. Our youth are each matched with a Nicaraguan teenager and they stay in their home so they can develop an authentic relationship and learn from each other. Participants in the program are in grades 7-9. Because of growing interest in the program, we have moved from a 3-year cycle to a 2-year cycle, so that in the first year, a group of about 8 to 12 youth from our church travel to Leon, Nicaragua for 2 weeks in the summer and then the following summer, their exchange students come to Minnesota. A group of youth and adults from First Universalist is leaving next Sunday, July 5th, for Nicaragua, and the following Sunday, July 12th, we’ll welcome a delegation of Nicaraguan youth who will be staying with church youth and their families.

Musical Notes from Jerrod Wendland:

Mohammed Fairouz (1985-) is a young American composer of Palestinian descent. A lover of poetry and language in general, he is far more articulate about his goals than I could ever be: “...it is the clear duty of the artist to focus on the human side of things. In order to kill people, you have to be desensitized to their culture; you have to be able to dehumanize someone in order to make an object of war out of them. It is much more difficult to dehumanize someone if you are moved by their poetry, art, music and their contribution to the common heritage of mankind...We need to widen our field of vision as we head relentlessly into a totally cosmopolitan age in which the narrow distinctions, categories and provincialism of the past will be rendered irrelevant.”