

GET CONNECTED!

LAKE HARRIET SUMMER WORSHIP

Join us for an energizing worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 10:00AM. The Universalist Rock Band may just rock the top off the bandshell! This will be our only worship service that Sunday. This is an opportunity for the greater community to get to know us. We are looking for volunteers to offer a warm welcome and fun picnic. If you can lend a hand that morning, contact Sandy DiNanni at Sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

As we prepare to welcome four families to First Universalist the week of Sept. 6–13, we’re accepting contributions of new and gently used twin sheet sets, twin air beds, comforters and blankets, as well as cash donations and volunteer help. Stop by the FMF table in the Social Hall any Sunday between now and August 16 to learn more.

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!

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. There is room for 30 First Universalist participants, and we expect these spots to fill up fast. Training takes place on Saturdays, Oct. 3, Nov. 11 and Nov. 21. For more information, visit firstuniversalistchurch.org.

SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: 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.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE FAITHFUL ACTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Over this past church year, Rev. Jen Crow has worked with a dedicated group of lay leaders and our Social Work Intern to restructure and formalize the processes of our Faithful Action Ministry. Going forward, a newly-created Faithful Action Leadership Council will set the direction of the faithful action ministries of our church, balancing our efforts for systemic change and serving immediate needs. The Faithful Action Leadership Council will ensure that our guiding principles of racial justice and faithful action inform all that we do. We are currently accepting applications to join the Faithful Action Leadership Council and anyone interested is encouraged to apply. The application deadline has been extended to July 31, 2015. Learn more and apply on the home page of our website.

WELCOME!

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, 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. 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 13, 2015.

Do you have news or information that you’d like to see published in *The Weekly Liberal*? Visit our website and fill out the online submission form!

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

6/14 Racial Justice Work \$420.67

6/21 Families Moving Forward \$684.30

6/28 Youth Cultural Exchange \$519.90

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

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. Elaine Aron Tenbrink (elaine@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

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: July 19, 2015

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 Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: lauren@firstuniv.org.



SOURCES OF JOY

REV. ELAINE ARON TENBRINK

JULY 12, 2015

Music for Gathering

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Selections from *American Preludes*
–Alberto Ginastera

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Bellsound

Prelude

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Preludio No. 24
–Luis Delgadillo

Call to Worship

Lia Balke
Joseph Lenarz Hooyman

Opening Hymn #203 (Please stand in body or spirit)

All Creatures of the Earth & Sky

Lighting the Chalice

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink
Will Poulter

Love is the spirit of this church
El Amor es el espíritu de esta iglesia
And service is its law.
Y el servicio es su ley
This is our great covenant:
Este es nuestro gran pacto
To dwell together in peace,
Vivir juntos en paz
To seek the truth in love,
Buscar la verdad con amor
And to help one another.
Y ayudarse uno al otro
-James V. Blake
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Musical Interlude

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

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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Musical Offering

First Universalist Summer Choir

The Journey is Our Home
-Allan Pote

Reading

Kassandra Centeno Blessing (Spanish)
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink (English)

La Mañanita (The Morning)
-Ernesto Cardenal

Sermon

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Sources of Joy

Offertory

Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Rev. Karen Mooney

You Can Close Your Eyes
-James Taylor

Closing Hymn #1004 (Please stand in body or spirit)

Rev. Karen Mooney

Busca el Amor

Closing Words

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Music for the Journey

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Preludio Op. 18
–Ricardo Castro

Worship Leaders

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink
Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries
Dr. Randal Buikema
Director of Choral Arts
Dr. Jerrod Wendland
Pianist
Rev. Karen Mooney
Guest Soloist
Joseph Lenarz Hooyman
Worship Associate
Lia Balke
Worship Associate
Will Poulter
Chalice Lighter
Kassandra Centeno Blessing
Guest Speaker

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers were arranged by Pam Vincent of the Visual Arts Committee.

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 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.

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

This morning’s music comprises a selection of pieces by great Latin American composers:

Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983) was an Argentine composer, especially known for a fierce, rhythmic style inspired by folk music.

Luis A. Delgadillo (1887-1961) was the most famous of Nicaraguan composers, the arranger of the national anthem “Salve a ti”; He conducted a concert of his own work at Carnegie Hall in 1930.

James Taylor (1948) is not from Latin America.

Salvador de Jesús Cardenal Barquero (1960-2010) is a famous Nicaraguan singer/songwriter, and the author of today’s closing hymn “Busca el Amor”.

Ricardo Castro Herrera (1864-1907) was a virtuosic pianist and composer from Mexico. He traveled extensively in Europe and was director of the National Conservatory until his premature death.