

# GET CONNECTED

## WINTER/SPRING CIRCLE REGISTRATION BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Circles are groups of 8-10 committed participants who come together with a trained leader to nurture spiritual growth in community. These groups are grounded in the spiritual practices of deep listening and open-hearted reflection. Each gathering offers an opportunity for connection: connecting with ourselves, connecting with others, and connecting with something greater than ourselves. Registration is open Jan. 10-24 online at [firstucircles.weebly.com](http://firstucircles.weebly.com). You can also sign up in the Social Hall on Sundays.

## NEXT 24-HOUR RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING (DATE CORRECTION)

You're invited to apply to participate in the next 24-hour racial justice training led by Dr. Heather Hackman this spring! This is the last 24-hour training we'll be offering for the foreseeable future. One of the training dates previously published was incorrect. The correct dates are: Saturdays, Feb. 6, Feb. 27, and April 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please visit our website at [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org) for complete details.

## WINTER WARM-UP DANCE PARTY

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. for music, food, and fun at the Winter Warm-up Dance Party. Enjoy live music from the Universal Rock Band and special guest performers, and dance to classic rock and roll. Food by One Dish at A Time is included with the cost of admission. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available for purchase. Purchase tickets online (follow the link from our website at [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org)) or in the Social Hall on Sundays between services.

## RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP JAN. 16

We hope that all First Universalist members and friends will join us for this interactive workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. The next opportunity to participate will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a distilled experience of the 24-hour training offered by Dr. Heather Hackman. To register, contact Sandy DiNanni at [Sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:Sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

## COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN KICK-OFF EVENT

Join us for our Community Solar Garden campaign kickoff event Sunday, Jan.10 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will present information about climate change, renewable energy, our UU Solar Garden project, and how to sign up. Presenters will include J. Drake Hamilton, an environmental expert from Fresh Energy, and Cliff Kaehler, CEO of Minnesota Community Solar. The program is sponsored by the Environmental Justice Team.

## WAKING UP WHITE BOOK DISCUSSION JAN. 17 & 19

*Waking Up White* is Debby Irving's powerful memoir about her journey in understanding what it means to be "white" and her struggle to understand racism and racial tensions. Join us for an engaging conversation about the book on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. or Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Discussion will be led by Suzanne Hay, Kayci Rush, and Rev. Justin Schroeder. This is a drop-in discussion that will last about 90 minutes.

# WELCOME

*We are so glad 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.

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team is a group of congregants, led by the Rev. Jen Crow, who provide confidential pastoral care to friends and members of our congregation in need of support. We visit people at homes, hospitals, and hospice or at the corner coffee shop. Our goal is to offer compassionate presence to our fellow congregants in the knowledge that this too is a spiritual practice. If you are in need of a Pastoral Care team visit, please contact Rev. Jen Crow at [jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org).

## 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!

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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

*Offering plates from Sunday Service:*

**12/6** Simpson Housing \$1,095.23

**12/13** Racial Justice Work \$1,442.15

**12/20-27** Beacon Interfaith Housing \$57,688.15

*\*100% of the offering to Holiday Giving*

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate)

You can give online through the Square Cash App. Our cashtag is \$firstuniv. Thanks!

## LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy—please let us know. To be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, contact Sandy DiNanni at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact Rev. Jen Crow ([jen@firstuniv.org](mailto:jen@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701) or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

## 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**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

## THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

*The Weekly Liberal* (our email newsletter) is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/)

Do you have news or information you'd like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



WORSHIP THEME: PASSAGES

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

*JANUARY 3, 2016*

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Justin Schroeder

PreludeDr. Jerrod Wendland  
Varied Trio - I. GendingZachary Scanlan  
-Lou HarrisonDr. Jeremy Johnston

Call to Worship/Wisdom StoryRev. Justin Schroeder

Opening Hymn #34 (Please stand in body or spirit)  
Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire

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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Song for the Journey(children are dismissed to their classes)  
May Love Surround You

May love surround you with warm, gentle arms  
May love surround you and keep you from harm,  
And may you always continue to grow,  
Know that we’re with you, wherever you go.

Musical InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Turning to One Another

First Candle  
Impermanence

Musical MessageDr. Jerrod Wendland  
Varied Trio - IV. Rondeau in Honor of FragonardZachary Scanlan  
-Lou Harrison

Cycle of LifeRev. Justin Schroeder

Silence

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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ReadingRev. Justin Schroeder  
The Dead  
-Billy Collins

Naming Ritual

Musical MessageDr. Jerrod Wendland  
Varied Trio - III. ElegyZachary Scanlan  
-Lou HarrisonDr. Jeremy Johnston

Second Candle  
Remembering the Dead

Musical InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

MessageRev. Justin Schroeder  
Living With Impermanence

OffertoryDr. Jerrod Wendland  
Varied Trio - V. DanceZachary Scanlan  
-Lou HarrisonDr. Jeremy Johnston

Third Candle  
Embracing the Future

Closing Hymn #128 (Please stand in body or spirit)  
For All That is Our Life

Closing WordsRev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413  
Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders  
Rev. Justin SchroederSenior Minister  
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist  
Zachary ScanlanViolin  
Dr. Jeremy JohnstonPercussion  
Luca Knych9:30 Chalice Lighter  
Arianna Kimball11:15 Chalice Lighter

Chancel Decorations  
Today’s arrangement was created by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Habitat for Humanity  
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical ministry whose mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience. Each year, in partnership with donors and volunteers, TCHFH builds or repairs approximately 50 homes. Beginning this month, we have monthly builds with Habitat for Humanity. You can sign up online or at the Information Center in the Social Hall.

Musical Notes by Jerrod Wendland  
Lou Harrison (1917-2003) is an under-recognized giant of American music. San Francisco is a very different place to grow up than New York or Boston in that Harrison was exposed to a wider range of influences - West Coast Jazz, music from East Asia and Mexico, and anti-establishment figures like Henry Cowell and Arnold Schoenberg. He became a close friend and collaborator to Charles Ives and fellow Californian John Cage, lived on the East coast for a while, and finally settled down in Aptos, CA with his partner William Colvig, where they experimented with the construction of new musical instruments and of ecologically sustainable buildings. The Varied Trio combines the music of Indonesia and Europe into a coherent dialect, a musical analogue of his favorite language: Esperanto.

January Worship Theme: Passages  
A disciple of Buddha felt great anxiety at the Buddha’s imminent departure from his village. “I cannot bear life without you here,” he cried. “What will I do? I will be drawn into the extremes of suffering and joy and I will not be at peace.” The Buddha wrote some wise words on a paper. “When you are pulled by life into the extremes of joy or the lows of pain and worry, read this,” he said handing the man the paper. The man opened the note. It read, “This will not last.” This month we examine the essential impermanence of life. This life is made of passages.