

# GET CONNECTED

## PICK UP A PLEDGE PACKET TODAY

Today we kick off our 2016-2017 Pledge Drive! Pledge packets will be distributed after services on Sundays, Feb. 21 and Feb. 28. Please pick up your packet as you leave the Sanctuary on either Sunday. This will save us several hundred dollars in postage costs. Packets not picked up by Feb. 28 will be mailed on the 29th. Thank you!

## TODAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL: BEACON CITIZENS — BE AN ADVOCATE

Demonstrate your ongoing commitment to end homelessness by circling the ways that YOU do work in our community! Bring your completed Beacon Advocacy card (included in this Order of Service) down to the Social Hall after either service to help ask legislators to do their part.

## PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

Our Pathway to Membership class invites you into an exploration of Unitarian Universalism, the history of this congregation, our racial justice commitment, and the experience of membership. The next class is offered as a two-part series on Sundays, Feb. 21 and 28, 1-4 p.m. To sign up, talk to Sandy DiNanni at the Information Hub in the Social Hall.

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY PLEASE COMPLETE BY 2/22

We're interested in learning more about your experiences of engagement and membership at First Universalist. If you haven't yet filled out the survey that we emailed on Sunday, Feb. 7, please do so by tomorrow (Feb. 22). If you didn't receive the emailed survey, you can fill it out online at <http://tinyurl.com/1stsurvey> or fill out a paper copy in the social hall.

## SELMA VIEWING AND DISCUSSION 2/27

*Selma* chronicles Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1965 campaign to secure civil rights in the face of violent opposition. On Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., join us for a viewing of the movie followed by a discussion led by Jeff Sylvester and Channing McKinley. No registration required. Please bring your own lunch.

## TODAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL: MOSAIC EXHIBIT ARTISTS' RECEPTION

There's a new exhibit on view in the Social Hall! The work of three talented mosaic artists — Tom Miller, Cheryl Anderson, and Debbie Cash — will be on display February 21-March 27, 2016. The three artists, who all have distinctively different styles, will be present in the Social Hall for an Artists' Reception after both services on today. Some additional items will be for sale today only.

# 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.

## 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.

## 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. Childcare is provided after the 11:15 service.

**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:

1/31 Beacon Interfaith Housing \$1,918.01

2/7 Prepare+Prosper \$860.40

2/14 Habitat for Humanity \$711.34

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)

If you'd like to make a donation but don't have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist's cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

## NEED TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH?

We can help with at least two weeks notice. Contact Anne McBean (952-938-2897, [mcbea001@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbea001@yahoo.com)) if you need a help with a ride or would like to offer a ride to a congregant.

## 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: BROKENNESS

# SACRED PROMISES

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

*FEBRUARY 21, 2016*

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Jen Crow

PreludeFirst Universalist Choir  
Weep, O Mine Eyes  
- John BennetDr. Randy Buikema

Call to WorshipConrad Carlozzi

Opening Hymn #209 (Please stand in body or spirit)  
O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls

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 InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence

Cycle of LifeRev. 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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ReadingRev. Justin Schroeder  
The Life of a Day  
- Tom Hennen

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir  
Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?  
- Moses HoganDr. Randal Buikema

SermonRev. Justin Schroeder  
Sacred Promises

OffertoryDr. Jerrod Wendland  
Prelude in E-flat Major, Op. 23 No. 6  
- Sergei Rachmaninov

Closing Hymn #1064 (Please stand in body or spirit)  
Blue Boat Home

Closing WordsRev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413  
Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Jen Crow	Executive Minister
Conrad Carlozzi	Worship Associate
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
First Universalist Choir	
11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter	Andie Gegax

Worship Design and Coordination

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie	Minister of Worship, Coming of Age
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Chancel Flowers

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

Offering: Project Diva

Project DIVA empowers girls to make informed decisions as they transition into adulthood by providing them with an intensive 10-month coaching program focused on strengthening their academic, social, emotional, financial, wellness, and career skills. These areas of focusgive a great foundation for girls to self-discover their purposes individually, with like-minded adults ready to nurture them in the right direction. Project DIVA currently serves about 40 mostly African-American girls aged 11-24 in North Minneapolis and runs an outgoing support group for parents of the participants.

Musical Notes from Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943) suffered from a double exile: first from Russia to the United States (on account of the revolution); and second from the vigorous, headstrong musical style of his youth, which he abandoned after a disastrous performance of his first symphony. He only returned to composition after a long absence, and then as a reactionary rather than a revolutionary. The ironic thing is that these two catastrophies (one internal, the other external), each of which prevented Rachmaninov from pursuing the path he would have liked, instead resulted in the music we know and love today. The E-flat Major Prelude evoked, for the composer, the blossoming apple orchards of his youth.

February Worship Theme: Brokenness

“Life will break you. Nobody can protect you from that, and living alone won’t either, for solitude will also break you with its yearning. You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth.” - Louise Erdrich.

Brokenness is part and parcel of being human. We are born into families that fall short, or social constructs that privilege one group over another. Brokenness is. When we don’t admit brokenness, the truth of our stories, then we don’t make room for understanding, the healing balm of confession, and the deep well of compassion. All is available to us, but first we must admit brokenness.