

GET CONNECTED



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: \$4,681,370

Thank you to all those who have generously given as of April 27! Thus far, we have received \$4,681,370 in pledges from members toward our capital campaign, *Not for Ourselves Alone, Building an Inclusive Future*. We look forward to meeting with all First Universalist members and friends this spring to discuss our vision for the future of our church!

WORSHIP ASSOCIATE APPLICATIONS

Do you love worship? Does your heart soar when you're telling a story about your spiritual journey? Consider applying to be a Worship Associate! Worship Associates speak 2 or 3 times during the church year in our worship services. Associates and Rev. Justin Schroeder gather during the year to discuss worship themes, talk about writing for oration, review how to lay out a manuscript, and practice public speaking. To apply, write a 500 word piece about your experience with forgiveness and submit your manuscript to Rev. Justin Schroeder at: justin@firstuniv.org by May 17.

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETINGS: TODAY AND MAY 2

The Board of Trustees will share a draft budget with the congregation at two upcoming meetings: TODAY at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cummins Room. After a presentation of the budget and its rationale, there will be an opportunity for questions. The board will prepare a final version of the budget for presentation at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m.

MAY 14 CHILD DEDICATION: SIGN UP BY MAY 5

Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world. The next Child Dedication will take place on Sunday, May 14 at both services. During the Child Dedication ritual, the congregation pledges itself to partner with and support parents and families in the religious upbringing of the child. Infants and children of members and those on the path to membership at First Universalist may be dedicated. If your family would like to participate in the upcoming Child Dedication ritual, please sign up by filling out the Child Dedication form on our website by Friday, May 5.

CHOIR-LED WORSHIP MAY 7

Next Sunday, May 7, the First Universalist Choir and Orchestra will be leading worship, performing “Chichester Psalms” by Leonard Bernstein. Please join us for this special, music-filled worship service at 9:30 or 11:15 a.m.!

LEND-A-HAND MAY 4

Lend-A-Hand is an opportunity to help care for our building and grounds as part of a volunteer team, meeting on first Thursdays. In coordination with our facilities staff, this team undertakes various projects to keep our church clean, orderly and attractive. Volunteers gather at 9:30 a.m. and end their activities by noon. If you would like to participate, please email Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org to sign up.

BOSTON-BOUND BAKE SALE SUNDAY, MAY 7

Help support our Coming of Age youth and their trip to Boston this fall by purchasing delicious donuts next Sunday. Enjoy a great service of music and then eat to your heart's content.

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 listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. 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 or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact the church office at 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: Sunday, May 7

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 during the session after the 11:15 a.m. 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.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

4/9 Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
\$1,002.80

4/16 Habitat for Humanity \$1,173.81

4/23 MN Interfaith Power and Light \$789.00

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: 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/>.

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.

COMFORT SHAWLS

Do you like to knit? Contact Pat Foulkes at pfoulkes@hotmail.com for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. Know somebody in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Congregational Care co-chairs Kathy Urberg at kathyurberg@gmail.com or Kathy Coskran at 612-202-9322 or kac1122@aol.com.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/
Do you have news or information you'd like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!



RESISTING WHITE SUPREMACY:

A TEACH-IN

APRIL 30, 2017

We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice.

Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Justin Schroeder
Lauren Wyeth
Michael Dotson

Bellsound

PreludeGive Get Sistet

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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DefinitionsRev. Justin Schroeder
Lauren Wyeth
What is White Supremacy?

Opening Hymn #347 (Please rise in body or spirit)
Gather the Spirit

Citizen: An American LyricFrank Theatre
- Claudia Rankine
Adapted for the stage by Stephen Sachs

Musical InterludeDr. Jerrod Wendland

Silence: Holding an Open Heart

Prayer for Dismantling What DividesRev. 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
Excerpt from *Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies*
- Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

Musical OfferingGive Get Sistet

Collage of Voices

Reflection

OffertoryGive Get Sistet

Closing Hymn #95 (Please rise in body or spirit)
There is More Love Somewhere

Closing WordsRev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413
Go Now in Peace

Immediately following the second service, there will be a panel of People of Color and Indigenous People from our congregation who will speak of their immediate reactions to the teach-in and these following questions: What did you see and hear? What meaning do you make of it? How do you feel about it? There will be no questions or discussion. We ask that the congregation responds after each person’s comments with: “We respect your views and experience.”

At 1 P.M. there will be several places to gather, including groups for POCI (North Narthex), youth (Arches Room), and white adults (Sanctuary).

Worship Leaders
Rev. Justin SchroederSenior Minister
Rev. Jen CrowExecutive Minister
Lauren WyethDirector of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Michael DotsonWorship Associate
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist
Members of First Universalist ChurchCollage of Voices

Frank Theater
Wendy KnoxArtistic Director
Hope Cervantes, Dana Lee, Joe Nathan ThomasActors

Give Get Sistet
Libby Turner, Aimee K. Bryant, Sarah M. Greer, Jayanthi Kyle

Chancel Flowers
Today's flowers were arranged by Bette DeMars of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism
Formed in the wake of several conversations among Black UUs at the July 2015 Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland, OH - the BLUU Organizing Collective works to provide support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists. BLUU also works to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

About Today's Performance Guests
Frank Theatre is a professional theatre company committed to producing unique work that stretches the skills of the artists who create the work while simultaneously challenging the everyday perceptions of the audience through the exploration of ideas and issues of social, political and/or cultural concern.

The Give Get Sistet is an expandable improvisational chorus of women based in the Twin Cities with ties around the world. Using a cappella singing and vocal improvisation, the Give Get Sistet entertains, educates and empowers audiences and communities from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. These women listen deeply and sing with great generosity and daring; the music they make is unlike any other ensemble you’ve heard.

April Worship Theme: Transformation
Karen Armstrong writes: “Religion is not about accepting twenty impossible propositions before breakfast, but about doing things that change you. It is a moral aesthetic, an ethical alchemy. If you behave in a certain way, you will be transformed.” When we dare to move beyond the known patterns and perceptions of our lives, letting the alchemy of love, listening and justice do its work, then we will be more than changed. The base metals of our lives will be transformed into something precious and flourishing. This is the purpose of religion, and the meaning of a religious life: to be transformed.