

GET CONNECTED

TODAY: 13TH: A DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

What does the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865 have to do with today? Everything. The powerful documentary *13th* analyzes the criminalization of African Americans, the U.S. prison boom, and their relationship to the abolishment of slavery via the 13th Amendment. Join us for a two-part screening and conversation in community on Sundays, Oct. 29 & Nov. 5, 1–3 p.m. in the Cummins Room. Discussion will be led by Jeff Sylvestre and Margaret Manderfeld.

INITIAL RENOVATION/ CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW WITH THE ARCHITECTS

In November, we'll be offering two opportunities for you to meet with our architects from Miller Dunwiddie and review the process of the schematic design ideas for our renovations and construction. Please put these dates in your calendar and plan to attend one: Wednesday, Nov. 15 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19 between 12:45 and 2 p.m. Arrive at any point within those time frames: the meetings will be conducted open-house style and the architects will offer several short, informal presentations on the initial plans. Preliminary drawings of concept plan options will be mounted and available for your perusal and input.

CHILD DEDICATION IS NOV. 5

The next Child Dedication will take place on Sunday, Nov. 5 during 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. If your family would like to participate, please sign up by filling out and submitting the Child Dedication Form on our website. Forms are due today!

"WHITE FRAGILITY" DISCUSSION

When white people experience racial stress, they often withdraw, defend, cry, argue, minimize, ignore, and in other ways push back to regain their racial position and equilibrium: a response known as white fragility. This limits their capacity to bridge cross-racial divides and harms people of color. Join us for a drop-in conversation about white fragility based on "White Fragility," an essay by Dr. Robin DiAngelo, on Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please read the essay in advance of the discussion. You can find the link on our website.

SEEING THE RACIAL WATER: A WORKSHOP WITH DR. ROBIN DIANGELO

First Universalist is co-sponsoring a workshop with Dr. Robin DiAngelo that will take place at **Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul** on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. Dr. DiAngelo will describe the way race shapes the lives of white people, explain what makes racism so hard for white people to see, and identify common white racial patterns that prevent us from moving towards greater racial equity. Although the focus is on white racial identity development, people of color may also find the analysis valuable as it is one that is rarely affirmed or provided in mainstream society.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive, reflective workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This two-part workshop will be offered on Sundays, Nov. 5 & 12, 12:30–3 p.m. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

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.

Our next orientation takes place: Sunday, Nov. 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. 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:

10/8 United for Puerto Rico Recovery Fund \$3,028.22 (100% of offering to recipient)

10/15 Racial Justice Work \$1,234.76

10/22 MN Interfaith Power & Light \$704.14

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, pfoulkes@hotmail.com, for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. If you know somebody who is in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Susan Schonfeld, susanwschonfeld@gmail.com or Mary Ellison, maryellison2491@comcast.net.

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!



CHALLENGING WHITE SUPREMACY TEACH-IN

*REV. ASHLEY HORAN
AND MEMBERS OF FIRST UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH*

OCTOBER 29, 2017

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Music for GatheringDr. Jerrod Wendland

Words of WelcomeRev. Ruth MacKenzie

Bellsound

Prelude#155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Call to WorshipGraduates of Coming of Age Class 2017
Jason Berry
Sophia Clement-Potegal
Josh Zimmer

Opening Hymn #170 (Please rise in body or spirit.)
We Are a Gentle, Angry People

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

Stories of ChallengeLark Weller
Drew Rosielle

Community Response #95
There Is More Love Somewhere (Verses 1 and 2)

Silence

Cycle of LifeRev. Ruth MacKenzie

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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Stories of ChallengeKayci Rush

AnthemFirst Universalist Choir
And the Walls Come Tumblin' Down
- Gary FryDr. Randal Buikema

HomilyRev. Ashley Horan
Ten Commandments of Challenging White Supremacy

OffertoryFirst Universalist Choir
Connection
- Brian TateDr. Randal Buikema

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

Closing WordsRev. Ashley Horan

Blessing in Song #413
Go Now in Peace

Please Join Us for Food and Conversation After Each Service
We encourage you to stay after worship for further reflection on the service in the social hall over treats or lunch. Following the first worship service, we'll have donuts for sale (\$2 each), and after the second service, there will be bag lunches prepared by our very own Tina and Caitlin Burnett (with vegetarian and vegan sandwich options) available for purchase (\$5). Some questions we will be addressing are:

- As you were listening, which of these ideas prompted the most discomfort/resistance within you? Why?
- Which ideas prompted the most curiosity? Why?
- Which ideas prompted you to say, "Yes!" Why?
- What do these ideas call you to do, change, shift, or commit to in your life?

Worship Leaders
Rev. Ashley HoranGuest Minister
Rev. Ruth MacKenzieMinister
Dr. Jerrod WendlandPianist
Dr. Randal BuikemaDirector of Choral Arts
First Universalist Choir
Kelsey SpeaksSoloist
Reid KnutillaSoloist
Bobby GillespieDrums
Ann Marie McIntireBass
Niigann Andrews9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Andie Gegax11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Rev. Karen Hutt11:15 A.M. POCI Worship Circle*

Worship Associates
Jason Berry, Sophia Clement-Potegal, Drew Rosielle, Kayci Rush, Lark Weller, Josh Zimmer

*People of Color and Indigenous Folk have been invited to participate in a worship circle led by Rev. Karen Hutt in Rev. Justin's office during the 11:15 service.

Chancel Flowers
Today's flowers were arranged by Meredith Sims of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: MicroGrants
MicroGrants gives \$1000 grants for low-income people of potential to invest in their lives. Investments are usually made in three areas: education, small business development, and transportation. Don Samuels, MicroGrant’s CEO and Minneapolis school board member, believes MicroGrants and its partner nonprofits will be part of the achievement-and-income gap solutions that threaten the full economic and human potential of the city and region. Through the Lights On! Program, the first-of-its-kind, police officers stopping cars for lights equipment violations (broken headlight, tail light, brake light or turn signal) can offer a solution to those who can’t afford repairs. Police officers can provide drivers with Lights On! vouchers redeemable for free repairs of broken lights, before multiple tickets create a financial catastrophe. The program is an opportunity to build goodwill between police departments and the communities they serve.

October Worship Theme: Outsiders

The first principle of our Unitarian Universalist faith states that we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. This connotes a celebration and welcoming of the variety of human expression, all the different ways and contexts that make us who we are. Yet there is a tendency in our human nature to distrust something that is different than ourselves, that is in some way other or deemed an outsider. At the heart of our faithful root system is an other-affirming imperative, to meet and come to know one another as whole and holy, and embrace the outsider. We often fail. Yet when we lean into our other-affirming calling, we resist the false, dominant cultural narrative of segmentation and separation, and find a surplus of wisdom and ways forward that are surprising, challenging, and life-giving.