



# GET CONNECTED

## ANNUAL MEETING: TODAY!

Our Annual Meeting of the membership will be held today after worship at 11:30 a.m. This year our church business includes approval of the annual budget and the election of members to the Board of Trustees, the Foundation Board, and the Nominating Committee, as well as approving revised bylaws and ratifying a transition to a senior co-ministry model. **We need a quorum to conduct the meeting - please give us the gift of your time so that we may complete this work!**

## ART FOR ACTION: JUNE 9

Have fun while raising funds for the First U Sanctuary and Resistance Immigrant Fund! Create a painted-looking landscape with unique printed and textured fabrics and fibers at this class on Saturday, June 9, 1-5 p.m. with Rev. Laurie Bushbaum and Denise Konen. Suggested donation: \$50. Funds raised will support immigrant families facing detention and deportation. Register with Denise Konen at [denise@netgains.net](mailto:denise@netgains.net).

## WELLSPRING INFO SESSION: JUNE 13

Join us for an informational session to learn about Wellspring at First Universalist Church! UU Wellspring is a program of distinctly Unitarian Universalist spiritual development, offering the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience. Join us for an upcoming info session to learn more! The second of four info sessions will be offered on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST

Worship Services are held at 10 a.m. during the summer. We ask that you please bring your own mug to the social hour after the service. This helps save on water, labor, and keeps the kitchen cool during the hot summer months. See you in church!

## RACIAL JUSTICE & 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 is a two-part workshop held on Tuesdays, June 12 & 19, 6:30-9 p.m. To register, contact Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

## LAKE HARRIET OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. and join us for our annual outdoor worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell! This will be our only service on this Sunday.

94% In

\$1,057,994 in committed annual gifts as of 5/30/18



Annual Giving 2018-2019  
[firstuniversalistchurch.org/annual-giving](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/annual-giving)



# 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.

## CYCLE OF LIFE

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 the church office or Rev. Ruth MacKenzie at 612-825-1701 or any member of our Pastoral Visitor Team.

## Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism.

## 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 during the session after the 10:30 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](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:  
4/29 Habitat for Humanity \$752.25  
5/6 EMERGE \$1,460.25  
5/13 YouthCARE \$714.60

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).

## New: Text to Give!

To make a donation to the offering plate via credit card, use your smartphone to text **firstuniv** to **73256**. You'll receive a link to a secure form where you can enter your information. You may also still use the Square Cash app using our cash tag, \$firstuniv. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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).

## HOME CHORE HELP

If you would like help with simple tasks—changing filters, light bulbs, installing window air conditioners, etc., chores that don't require professional expertise—contact Mary Ellison at [maryellison2491@comcast.net](mailto:maryellison2491@comcast.net).

## 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/).



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WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

# WHAT IS LIGHTING US UP?

REV. JEN CROW AND REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

JUNE 3, 2018

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## Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Bellsound

## Prelude

Franco Holder

## Call to Worship

Rev. Jen Crow

## Opening Hymn

*Woke Up This Morning/This Little Light of Mine*

## Appreciation and Flowers

*Hospitality, Worship, and Congregational Care*

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Musical Interlude

Franco Holder

## 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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## New Member Ceremony

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink  
Eric Cooperstein

## Silence

## Cycle of Life

Rev. 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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## Appreciation and Flowers

*Religious Education and Small Group Ministry*

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Anthem

*Improvisation on Compassion*

- Co-created with First Universalist Choir  
and the Give Get Sistet

First Universalist Choir

The Give Get Sistet

Dr. Randal Buikema

## Homily

*What Is Lighting Us Up?*

Rev. Jen Crow and Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Appreciation and Flowers

*Governance, Faithful Action, and Stewardship*

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Offertory

*Be the Light*

- Sarah M. Greer

The Give Get Sistet

## Appreciation of Artists in Residence

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Closing Hymn #1028

*Fire of Commitment*

## Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Senior Minister

Rev. Jen Crow

Executive Minister

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister

Eric Cooperstein

Board of Trustees President

Franco Holder

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Choir

The Give Get Sistet

Artists in Residence

Sara M. Greer

Jayanthi Kyle

Alicia Steele

Libby Turner

## Chancel Flowers

Thanks to Visual Arts Committee members, Jody Beresford, Janet Mills, Marjie Smith, and Cheryl Anderson for arranging the Flower Communion flowers for today's service.

## Offering: EMERGE

EMERGE is a Minneapolis-based workforce development organization with service centers in North Minneapolis and Cedar-Riverside, and social enterprise businesses in NE and SE Minneapolis. EMERGE's mission is to reveal the potential in people and communities through skill building, employment, and economic opportunity. This reflects both their commitment to facilitate life change for individuals facing significant obstacles, and their commitment to create broader, systemic change at the community level. EMERGE offers adult and youth workforce services, transitional employment and career training opportunities, tailored to the specific needs of the participant.

## About Our Artists in Residence

The Give Get Sistet are our Artists in Residence for 2017/2018. They have collaborated with our worship team to create and curate several services throughout the year, as well as worked with our choir and other community singers to create the piece you are hearing today. The Give Get Sistet is an improvisational chorus of women based in the Twin Cities with ties around the world. These women listen deeply and sing with great generosity and daring. First Universalist is honored to have had these fine artists/community builders/activists in our midst. We hope to collaborate on future projects in the unfolding years.

## June Worship Theme: Emergence

We humans look at a flock of birds flying overhead, sketching awe-inspiring designs in the sky, and think the birds must be following a leader. But leadership alone has never been the full measure of history nor the full inspiration of the beauty and patterns that emerge from a community of birds in flight. In fact, the patterns we see in the sky are made by each individual bird bringing to the group its own creativity and reacting to the movement of two or three of its neighbors. It is a dance between freedom and obedience. Our work in community, our efforts in justice making, and patterns of right relationship emerge in the same dance between freedom (our own creativity) and obedience (our commitment to our neighbors, community). Together we create patterns of love and justice. This summer we ask: what makes something emerge? How and when do we lead? How and when do we follow?