



# GET CONNECTED

## FINAL WELLSPRING INFO SESSIONS: TODAY OR JULY 8

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. Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate in Wellspring for the first time in 2018–2019. Our final two info sessions will be offered on Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Come early at 11:15 for bagels and socializing!

## LAKE HARRIET OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Join us for our annual outdoor worship service and potluck picnic at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.! We'll enjoy music, an inspiring message from Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink, and a delicious potluck picnic together afterwards. This will be our only service on this Sunday. Watch for more details as we get closer to Aug. 12!

# 99% *In*

Amount Committed for  
2018–19 (as of June 27):

**\$1,079,844**

Amount Budgeted:

**\$1,174,500**



[firstuniversalistchurch.org/annual-giving](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/annual-giving)

## PATHWAY TO MEMBERSHIP

If First Universalist is feeling like your spiritual home, then we hope you'll take part in the Pathway to Membership! This new member class is a great chance to build community, explore Unitarian Universalism and our church's unique history, and learn how to get involved. This two-part class will be offered next on Sundays, Aug. 19 & 26, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Sign up by contacting Sandy at [Sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:Sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701. Childcare is available free of charge with at least seven days advance notice.

## FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

We'll be hosting Families Moving Forward Aug. 26–Sept. 9 this year, and we'll need 125 volunteers to help! Watch for more information and the opportunity to sign up later this summer.

## OPEN HEARTS AND SPIRITUAL CARE

We know that worship takes us into deep and surprising places. If you find yourself needing to talk with someone about what is stirring for you on a Sunday morning, please speak with one of our pastoral visitors sitting in the narthex during and after the service. This is how we care for one another.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ART DISPLAY

During Religious Education classes this year, children from Preschool through 7th grade spent time creating beautiful art related to their Sunday lessons. A variety of their projects from this past year are now on display in the Social Hall. We invite you to enjoy viewing and learning about their work—and to see how much children have to teach the world about love and kindness.



# WELCOME

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.

## Are You Visiting?

Come to First Step, a brief orientation to First Universalist Church and Unitarian Universalism. First Step is generally offered on first and third Sundays.

## 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 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).

## 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.

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

## OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

- 5/20 High School Youth Trips and Programming \$757.18
- 5/27 Voices for Racial Justice \$365.40
- 6/3 EMERGE \$485.21

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

## 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 info. You may also use the Square Cash app using our cash tag, \$firstuniv. Thank you for your generosity!

## GET OUR NEWSLETTER

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

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### New Child Welcome Team

For a visit from our welcome team, contact Sara McMullen at [saramcminneapolis@gmail.com](mailto:saramcminneapolis@gmail.com) or Sara McLoone at [sjmclloone@gmail.com](mailto:sjmclloone@gmail.com).



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SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

# THE 18" PILGRIMAGE

PASTOR DANNY GIVENS, JR.

JULY 1, 2018

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## Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Bellsound

## Prelude

Franco Holder

## Call to Worship

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Opening Hymn #155 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Circle 'Round for Freedom*

## 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 Interlude

Franco Holder

## Silence

## Cycle of Life

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## 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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## Reading

A quote by Alexander Den Heijer

Pastor Danny Givens, Jr.

## Musical Response

Franco Holder

## Sermon

*The 18" Pilgrimage*

Pastor Danny Givens, Jr.

## Offertory

Franco Holder

## Closing Hymn #131 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Love Will Guide Us*

## Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Pastor Danny Givens, Jr.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Sr. Co-Minister

Franco Holder

Pianist

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flower arrangement was donated by Corky Johnson and her family in memory of Lyle Johnson, whose memorial service was on Friday, June 29.

## Offering: Alliance for Metropolitan Stability

The Alliance for Metropolitan Stability advances racial, economic, and environmental justice in the way economic growth and land development occur in the Twin Cities. The Alliance builds the power of organizations representing low-income communities and communities of color by providing technical assistance in navigating and influencing complicated public policies, processes and investment practices. They advocate for equitable public policies in decision-making and highlight the thread that connects local, regional and national policies, connecting local organizing campaigns to regional and national policies and vice-versa. The Alliance articulates and elevates the through-line between policy-making at all levels and its impacts on low-income people and people of color, transforming our region's community engagement process in public decision-making.

## Guest Speaker: Pastor Danny Givens, Jr.

Pastor Danny Givens, Jr. is the Statewide Organizer for Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA) and the Senior Pastor of Above Every Name Ministries, a young cutting edge congregation in the Twin Cities that prides itself in being a "Church for the People." As an advocate for Racial/Social Justice, Pastor Danny devotes much of his time and energy to the #BlackLivesMatterMpls movement in the role of Clergy Liaison.

After receiving his B.A. in Christian Ministry from Bethel University in 2011, Pastor Danny completed a three-year residency at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. There, he began to explore and deepen his convictions as an inclusive, aspiring interfaith leader through the co-facilitation of Beloved Conversations, an experiential curriculum that provides a space to re-form/re-fuse the brokenness of racism into new patterns of thought and behavior.

## Summer 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 faithful followship. 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 faithful following (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? Where and how do we place our attention? What is emerging?