



GET CONNECTED

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 612-825-1701 or sandy@firstuniv.org.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: LAKE HARRIET WORSHIP

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.

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.

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!

BRAVE CONVERSATIONS: INTERRUPTING BIAS AND SYSTEMIC RACISM

Do you know how to respond when a relative at the dinner table or a neighbor at a block party says something that you think is biased? At this workshop on Sunday, June 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., you will learn strategies for approaching people you are in relationship with like family, neighbors, realtors, friends, coaches, and teachers. There will be time to practice responding with directness and respect. This workshop will be led by Denise Konen, Susan Block Johnson, and Jeff Sylvestre. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

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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 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: Sunday, June 17

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.

CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

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 at: 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.

CARING CORNER: SEND A CARD!

Write a note to a congregant who could use support. Cards are available in the library, located off of the Social Hall. Leave the card in the basket and we'll mail it for you.

THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal, our email newsletter is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/.



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WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

ENDLESS EMERGENCE

LENA K. GARDNER

JUNE 10, 2018

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Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Bellsound

Prelude

Selection from Radiohead

Franco Holder

Call to Worship

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Opening Hymn #134

Our World Is One World

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. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

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

Lena K. Gardner

Musical Offering

Street Spirit (Fade Out)

- Radiohead

Franco Holder

Sermon

Endless Emergence

Lena K. Gardner

Offertory

Everything Is In Its Right Place

- Radiohead

Franco Holder

Closing Hymn #1052 (Teal hymnal)

Oneness of Everything

Closing Words

Lena K. Gardner

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Lena K. Gardner

Guest Speaker

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister

Franco Holder

Pianist

Haley Durkee

Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Suzanne Anderson of the Visual Arts Committee and her daughter Frances.

Offering: Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism provides information, resources, and support for Black Unitarian Universalists and works to expand the role and visibility of Black UUs within our faith. 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 is committed to:

- Expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- Providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists.
- Justice-making and liberation through our faith

About Today's Guest Speaker

Lena K. Gardner serves as the Executive Director of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism. She has brought together thousands of people from across our state to demand justice for Black Minnesotans through her work with Black Lives Matter Minneapolis while organizing to include diverse people across race, religion, sexuality, and gender identities. Lena's vision and gift for creating deep relationships has fostered a movement for racial justice that has space for LGBTQ people, people of faith, and allies. Lena is the first to proclaim that her passion for justice is rooted in her deep belief and experience, that she is held by a profound love, and by ancestors who whisper in her ear. She is a member at First Universalist Church of Minneapolis and loves the Boundary Waters. She graduated in 2015 with her master of arts in Justice and Peace studies.

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? Where and how should we be placing our attention? What is emerging?