



GET CONNECTED

BRAVE CONVERSATIONS: INTERRUPTING SYSTEMIC BIAS AND 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 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., you will learn strategies for approaching people you are in relationship with such as family, neighbors, realtors, friends, coaches, and teachers. You will have an opportunity to learn with others who are facing the challenges of speaking up and knowing what to say. There will be time to practice responding with directness and respect. Register with Sandy at 612-825-1701 or sandy@firstuniv.org.

SUMMER CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but you can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you! Please join us every third Sunday of the Summer months (June 17, July 15, and Aug. 19). Rehearsals are at 9 a.m. on the day of the service, and services begin at 10 a.m. Yes, only one rehearsal on the day of the service! Music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact randy@firstuniv.org.

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.

FINAL WELLSPRING INFO SESSIONS: JULY 1 OR 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 snacks and socializing!

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.

97% *In*

\$1,068,664 in committed
annual gifts as of 6/13/18



Annual Giving 2018–2019
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 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 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.

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. If you know somebody who is in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Susan Schonfeld at susanwschonfeld@gmail.com or Mary Ellison at maryellison2491@comcast.net.

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

BEHIND THE WALL

REV. KAREN HUTT

JUNE 17, 2018

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 Gathering

Franco Holder

Words of Welcome

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Bellsound

Prelude

I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to Be Free
- Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas

Franco Holder

Call to Worship

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Opening Hymn #1071

We Are Building a New Way

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. 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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Readings

The Prison of the Lost

- A California prisoner, September 2006

Rev. Karen Hutt

Intellectual Soldier

- A California prisoner, 2004

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Anthem

How Could Anyone?

- Libby Roderick

Summer Choir
Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

Behind the Wall

Rev. Karen Hutt

Offertory

Revolution

- Nina Simone and Weldon Irvine

Franco Holder

Closing Hymn #151

I Wish I Knew How

Closing Words

Rev. Karen Hutt

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Karen Hutt

Guest Minister

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Associate Minister

Franco Holder

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

Summer Choir

Chancel Flowers

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

Offering: Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) is an ecumenical ministry whose mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience. Each year, in partnership with donors and volunteers, TCHFH builds or repairs approximately 50 homes. Additionally, TCHFH repairs 140 homes each year through the 'A Brush with Kindness' program and has served more than 5,000 local homeowners through the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. TCHFH vision: a Twin Cities region where hard-working families can own homes in healthy neighborhoods with access to jobs, transportation, and quality schools. First Universalist Church of Minneapolis organizes a Habitat for Humanity Work Week each summer; sign up for our Summer 2018 Work Week at <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/habitat-for-humanity-sign-up-form/>. We'd love to have you on the crew!

About Today's Guest Minister

Rev. Karen Hutt is a Clinical Pastoral Care Educator. She has worked as a pediatric chaplain, a trauma chaplain, and chaplain educator at hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area. Karen is an ACPE-certified Supervisor and is ordained into the Unitarian Universalist Association. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School and she did her undergraduate studies at Boston University. Rev. Karen will be joining our First Universalist Ministry Team in August 2018.

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 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?