



# GET CONNECTED

## IMMIGRATION COURT OBSERVER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us after the service next Sunday, July 22, to learn about the Immigration Court Observer program run by the Advocates for Human Rights as described in *The Liberal* on July 5. Join others from First Universalist and Isaiah faith communities to ensure that basic human rights are accorded to detainees picked up by ICE, and provide deep insights into the headlines that surround us. The volunteer opportunity dates are flexible, with each court session 1.5 hours long. No legal or immigration experience is required. It is an opportunity to address the injustices facing immigrant communities today. We will meet in the Chancel Room shortly after the end of the service to answer questions.

## FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Families Moving Forward will be returning to First Universalist soon! We will be hosting families who are currently experiencing homelessness for the two weeks of Aug. 26 – Sept. 9. Many of you have expressed an interest in engaging in this effort. If you're new to our community, this is a fabulous way to meet folks and strengthen bonds. We welcome you! There are many spots open to volunteer your time and talents. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/fmf2018> to sign up.

## 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.

## 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.

## SUMMER CHOIR: SUNDAY, AUG. 19

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! The Summer Choir sings on third Sundays in the summer, which means there is one more opportunity for you to take part! Join us on Sunday, Aug. 19 for the rehearsal at 9 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. Yes, there is only one rehearsal on the day of the service, and the music is easy enough to learn in 45 minutes. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact [randy@firstuniv.org](mailto:randy@firstuniv.org).

# 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)



# 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

### Sunday Flower Arrangements

Donating flowers can enhance the beauty of worship or celebrate an individual or event. After services, you may take the flowers home, or have them delivered to congregants who could use a caring gesture. Contact Dick Rueter at [dick.rueter49@usinternet.com](mailto:dick.rueter49@usinternet.com) or 612-280-4186 if you'd like to provide flowers or help deliver them after worship.



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SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

# NO GOING BACK

REV. ELAINE ARON TENBRINK

JULY 15, 2018

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## Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Al Shlosha D'varim*  
- Allan E. Naplan

First Universalist Summer Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

## Call to Worship

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Opening Hymn #1000 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Morning Has Come*

## 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

*Try to Praise the Mutilated World*

- Adam Zagajewski, translated by Clare Cavanaugh

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Anthem

*Anthem*

- Leonard Cohen

David Lauth

Alan Ware

## Sermon

*No Going Back*

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Offertory

*I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*

- U2

David Lauth

Alan Ware

## Closing Hymn #1028 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*The Fire of Commitment*

## Closing Words

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Minister

Franco Holder Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Summer Choir

David Lauth Guest Musician

Alan Ware Guest Musician

## Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Rita Franchett of the Visual Arts Committee.

## Offering: Women's Prison Book Project

The Women's Prison Book Project (WPBP) provides women and transgender persons in prison with free reading materials and educates those on the outside about the realities of prison and the justice system. Women in prison have specific needs for particular kinds of information and WPBP seeks to provide this: legal aid pertaining to women who fight back against their abusers, material on families, children, women's self-help, and women's health. And WPBP is one place where women/transgender persons in prison can obtain information that is often unavailable from any other source. Our offering plate will be used for postage, rent, and the purchase of some specific books, and would thus work against the isolation and deprivation that the prison system uses to keep those on the inside from connecting to those on the outside. WPBP also needs your book donations. We have designated shelves in the Social Hall for books donated to WPBP and a flyer describing the types of books most frequently requested.

## Musical Notes

Al Shlosha D'varim is a musical setting of the popular maxim from *Pirkei Avot* (Jewish Morality Laws). The text translated means: the world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.

## 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?