

JULY 22, 2018

# GET CONNECTED

## IMMIGRATION COURT OBSERVER INFO SESSION TODAY

Join us after the service today 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 WORSHIP & POTLUCK AUGUST 12

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.

## 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.

**99% In**

*Amount Committed for  
2018–19 (as of June 27):*  
**\$1,079,844**

*Amount Budgeted:*  
**\$1,174,500**



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## 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: Sunday, Aug. 5

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:

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|------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 6/24 | Augsburg Fairview Academy          | \$722.82 |
| 7/1  | Alliance for Metropolitan Mobility | \$515.75 |
| 7/8  | Habitat for Humanity               | \$441.27 |

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

### 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).



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SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: EMERGENCE

# IN THE BOAT TOGETHER

**REV. RUTH MACKENZIE**

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## Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Bellsound

## Prelude

*Comptine d'Été #3*  
- Yann Tiersen

## Call to Worship

#580 *The Task of Religious Community*  
- Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

## 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. 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

*We Are of a Tribe*  
- Roberto Rios

*History Is Not the Past*  
- James Baldwin

## Musical Offering

*River Flows Through You*  
- Yiruma

## Sermon

*In the Boat Together*

## Offertory

*Loanna*  
- Yiruma

## Closing Hymn #1064 (Please rise in body or spirit)

*Blue Boat Home*

## Closing Words

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

## Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie  
Franco Holder

Minister  
Pianist

## Chancel Flowers

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

## Offering: Ready Set Smile

Ready Set Smile provides onsite preventive dental services - cleanings, fluoride treatments and sealants – to student populations from low resource families. On average, 90% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch, are children of color, and 15% are homeless or highly mobile. Ready Set Smile also provides oral health lessons in the classrooms, integrating science and lifestyle habits that are hands-on and age appropriate. Ready Set Smile makes dental healthcare accessible in a time when accessible affordable healthcare is a major concern.

## 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 fellowship. 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?