Racial Justice and Our UU Faith
Racial Justice and Our UU Faith is a regularly offered workshop that encourages every member of our congregation to take. Please join us to explore a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. It's a two-part workshop next offered on Saturdays, Oct. 27 & Nov. 3, 9:30–11:30 a.m. To register, contact Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

Daytime Connections: How to Cook a Wolf
At 11 a.m. on third Thursdays, October–May, Daytime Connections offers a two-hour program on a topic specially geared towards older adults, followed by lunch. On Thursday, Oct. 18, the program is: "How to Cook a Wolf." Learn how to reduce or eliminate "the wolf of fear!" Motivational speaker Jennifer Fenjacks will share how emotional grit helped her conquer the biggest challenge of her life. RSVP to Sandy at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

"Voting Our Values" County Sherriff and County Attorney Voter Info Session Today
The 1st U Voter Engagement team, along with the Sanctuary & Resistance Committee, invite you to join us for a brief, 20-minute voter education/engagement presentation in the sanctuary immediately following both the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services. This is in collaboration with our Faithful Action Partner ISAIAH's interfaith efforts to connect our faith values with our civic and social justice actions.
Music for Gathering  
Franco Holder

Words of Welcome  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Prelude  
What Makes You Happy?  
- Ellis Delaney

Call to Worship  
Drew Rosielle

Opening Hymn #131 (Please rise in body or spirit)  
Love Will Guide Us

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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Welcoming in Joy

Reading  
Meeting the Light Completely  
- Jane Hirschfield

Musical Offering  
Better Angels  
- Ellis Delaney

Sermon  
Longing for Belonging  
- Rev. Jen Crow

Offertory  
Everybody Wants to Be Loved  
- Ellis Delaney

Closing Hymn #134 (Please rise in body or spirit)  
Our World Is One World

Closing Words  
Rev. Jen Crow

Blessing in Song #413  
Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders  
Rev. Jen Crow   Senior Co-Minister  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie   Minister  
Drew Rosielle   Worship Associate  
Ellis Delaney   Musical Guest  
Franco Holder   Pianist  
Georgia Guin   9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter  
Rasana Mambudani   11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers  
Today's flowers were arranged by Emily Jaques of the Visual Arts Committee.

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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  
- Carolyn McDade  
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About Today's Musical Guest  
A winner of several awards and honors, Ellis has been recognized both for her songwriting skills as well as her engaging performances. Many folk festivals have "audience choice" awards, and Ellis has claimed those honors at Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Moab Folk Festival (3 times!), and Sisters Folk Festival. She also won the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Contest, the midwest region of the Mountain Stage New Song Contest and the award for the Just Plain Folks (International) Best Female Singer Songwriter Album. She has appeared on A Prairie Home Companion. Ellis and her family are members of First Universalist Church.

October Worship Theme: Welcoming in Joy  
"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:1-2)." One of the common messages of the world's religions is the practice of radical hospitality, to move beyond the natural inclination to distrust, and instead, welcome. When we extend a hand on a Sunday morning, when we hold curiosity and wonder in our exchanges, when we view one another as Thou, a whole and holy human being with dreams, loves, and agency, we make room for the divine to enter and be within our midst. As a church committed to racial justice, we name the frameworks that hinder belonging, that constrict our humanity, and wound the soul. This month, we affirm and welcome the light in each human heart and commit ourselves to welcoming in joy.