



GET CONNECTED

MIRRORS OF PRIVILEGE: TODAY AND TUESDAY

Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible is a film featuring stories from white men and women on overcoming unconscious racism and entitlement. After viewing the film, discussion will be facilitated by Polly Talen. This is a drop-in event. Offered today, 1–2:45 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7–8:45 p.m.

NEWCOMER CIRCLES BEGINNING THIS WEEK

Whether you are a recent visitor or a new member, you're invited to join a Newcomer Circle. These four-session gatherings of 6-10 newcomers offer a chance to get to know Unitarian Universalism, reflect on our spiritual journeys, and connect with other folks who are new to church. Two Newcomer Circles begin this week: **Wednesdays, Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7 & 14, 2-4 p.m. with Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink, and Thursdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8 & 15, 7-8:30 p.m. with Jane Jordan.** To register for either Circle, contact Sandy DiNanni at sandy@firstuniv.org or 612-825-1701.

NOV. 4 CHILD DEDICATION SIGN UP OPEN

During the Child Dedication ritual, the congregation pledges itself to partner with and support parents and families in the religious upbringing of the child. Sign up is now open for families wishing to participate in the Child Dedication ritual on Sunday, Nov. 4. Please submit the sign up form that is available on our website.

PEACE SITE REDEDICATION

The Peace Circle invites you to a 15-minute Rededication Ceremony today between services. Gather in front of church by the Peace Garden at 10:45 a.m.

YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH: TODAY!

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Join the First Universalist Young Adults group on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month for lunch and conversation after the 11:15 a.m. service. Our first lunch takes place today! Meet at 12:45 p.m. at the information desk in the Social Hall before we head out. If you would like to learn about how you can be involved with the young adult community, email Molly Work at mollywork88@gmail.com. Friends are always welcome!

RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

We encourage every member of our community to take this interactive, reflective workshop exploring 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.

MORAL WITNESS AT IMMIGRATION COURT: REFLECTIONS

On **Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.**, join us for an evening of learning and reflection on the Immigration Court Observation Project, featuring Michele Garnett McKenzie, Deputy Director of The Advocates for Human Rights, and a panel of court observers. Learn about the racist underpinnings of U.S. immigration policy, the impetus for the court observation program and how it has evolved, and the role of court observers in bringing witness, transparency and accountability to immigration court. Free but please RSVP: <https://immigrationcourtoobserver.eventbrite.com>.



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 11:15 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.

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.

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.

OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

- 9/23 First Universalist Church \$2,412.40
- 9/30 Metro Urban Indian Directors \$2,001.13
- 10/7 Mental Health Connect \$1,334.97

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient: 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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Meal Support

If the ground has shifted beneath your feet, let us bring a meal or two to offer comfort and care. Whenever possible, the Congregational Care team enables congregants to provide meals for each other on a short-term basis in times of need. Contact: Susan Schonfeld at susanwschonfeld@gmail.com.



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OCTOBER WORSHIP THEME: WELCOMING IN JOY

MAKING ROOM

REV. ELAINE ARON TENBRINK

OCTOBER 21, 2018

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Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

Words of Welcome

Rev. Karen Hutt

Prelude

The Road Not Taken

- Randall Thompson, lyrics by Robert Frost

First Universalist Choir

Dr. Randal Buikema

Call to Worship

Daryn Woodson

Opening Hymn #128 (Please rise in body or spirit)

For All That Is Our Life

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. Karen Hutt

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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Welcoming in Joy

Readings

Waiting

- Raymond Carver

Rev. Karen Hutt

Adapted from *Tribes*

- Martha Courtot

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Anthem

The Pasture

- Z. Randall Stroepe, lyrics by Robert Frost

First Universalist Choir

Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

Making Room

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Offertory

Seasons of Love

- Jonathan Larson

Franco Holder

Closing Hymn #151 (Please rise in body or spirit)

I Wish I Knew How

Closing Words

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink Minister

Rev. Karen Hutt Adjunct Minister

Daryn Woodson Worship Associate

Franco Holder Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Choir

Luna Kilgore 9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Isla Meysenburg 11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Suzan Klein and of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Ginew/Golden Eagle Program

The Ginew/Golden Eagle Program is a year-round after-school program through the Minneapolis American Indian Center that provides culturally-specific curriculum designed to enhance resiliency, self-esteem and a sense of identity, decrease the risk of alcohol and substance abuse, and increase academic success and physical well-being of American Indian youth aged five to 18. Ginew/Golden Eagle Program helps American Indian youth strengthen and develop life skills that will give them the knowledge to make healthy choices.

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.