



GET CONNECTED

ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION OF REV. ELAINE: TODAY!

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship today for a celebration in honor of Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink's incredible contributions to our community. The Annual Meeting will follow in the Sanctuary, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a time when we share important information and conduct the business of this church that only members can do: electing leadership, approving next year's budget, and more. We need a quorum to conduct the meeting – please give us the gift of your time so that we may complete this work!

JUNE 9: "MS. MARVEL'S SANDBOX CIRCUS"

Bring your lawn chairs and join us in in the parking lot on **Sunday, June 9** at 11:30 a.m. for a BBQ lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. performance of "Ms. Marvel's Sandbox Circus" presented by Open Eye Figure Theatre as part of their Driveway Tour, a roving Twin Cities puppet show. About the show: Ms. Marvel, the cat, is the madcap merry-maker that lives and prowls in your neighborhood. Every summer, Ms. Marvel transforms the sandbox into a circus where thrills, chills, and spills await. No charge to attend, but we'll pass the hat for donations. There will be vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free lunch options available.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAYS: 10 A.M. WORSHIP

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we offer a single worship service at 10 a.m. Please join us for worship at 10 a.m. on Sundays this summer!

SING IN SUMMER CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Have you thought about being in a choir, but can't make an extended commitment? Summer Choir may be just right for you. The Summer Choir is scheduled to sing in services on **June 16, July 21 and August 25**. Rehearsals are at 9 a.m. on the day of the service, and music is easy enough to learn in the 45 minute rehearsal. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Randy at randy@firstuniv.org.

WELLSPRING INFO SESSION IS JUNE 18

Wellspring is a uniquely Unitarian Universalist program of spiritual deepening that offers the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience. It has five components: commitment to a daily spiritual practice, monthly spiritual direction, small group meetings, reading about the theological and historical foundations of our faith, and putting our faith into action. **Attendance at an info session is required if you wish to participate in Wellspring for the 2019-2020 year. The final information session will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18.** Please join us to learn more!



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: June 16

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 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.

OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

- 5/12 CloseKnit \$768.41
- 5/19 First Universalist Senior High \$909.60
- 5/26 Mile in My Shoes \$424.40

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.

GET OUR NEWSLETTER

The Weekly Liberal, our email newsletter, is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal

CONGREGATIONAL CARE New Child Welcome

For a visit from our welcome team, contact Sara McMullen at saramcminneapolis@gmail.com or Sara McLoone at sjmclloone@gmail.com.



SUMMER WORSHIP THEME: YES, AND...

FLOWER COMMUNION & APPRECIATIONS

FIRST UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY TEAM

JUNE 2, 2019

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

Preparing Our Hearts (please remain seated)

Sanctuary

O prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

–John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Prelude

The Journey Is Our Home

- Allen Pote

First Universalist Choir

Dr. Randal Buikema, conductor

Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Hutt

Opening Hymn #361 (please rise in body or spirit)

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In (v. 1-3)

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

Wisdom Story

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Appreciation and Flowers

Hospitality, Worship, Congregational Care

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

New Member Ceremony

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Eric Cooperstein

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Jen Crow

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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Appreciation and Flowers

Religious Education and Small Group Ministry

Lauren Wyeth

Anthem

Calypso Alleluia

- Thomas Benjamin

First Universalist Choir

Dr. Randal Buikema, conductor

Appreciation and Flowers

Governance, Faithful Action and Stewardship

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Offertory

Franco Holder

Appreciation and Flowers

First Universalist Staff

Eric Cooperstein

Blessing for Rev. Elaine and her Family

Closing Hymn #128

For All That Is Our Life (v. 1-3)

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jen Crow

Senior Co-Minister

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Senior Co-Minister

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Minister

Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Minister

Rev. Karen Hutt

Adjunct Minister

Lauren Wyeth

Dir. of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Eric Cooperstein

Board President

Franco Holder

Pianist

Dr. Randal Buikema

Director of Choral Arts

First Universalist Choir

Charlie Mac Luepke

Guest Accompanist, djembe

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were arranged by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: First Universalist Church

First Universalist Church is committed to bringing joy, artistry, depth, and insight to all of our worship gatherings. On any given Sunday, you may experience the Soul Band, a major choral work with full choir and orchestra, wisdom stories told with creativity and humor, lay leadership and community voices, beautiful flower arrangements, and a message of listening, loving, and action. Our commitment to racial justice in our programming and worship continues to guide and enliven our faith life. Please give generously in support of a church that is real, relevant, artistic, and vital.

Summer Worship Theme: Yes, And...

We live in a society of either/or, us or them, this or that, winning or losing, success or failure. Yet, what we are beginning to understand in our sciences of living systems, physics, and metaphysics is that this world was created, creates, and recreates in the mysterious dance of relationship. Interactions upon interactions are the creating drivers of this world. Wisdom teachers from Lao Tzu, to adrienne maree brown, to indigenous peoples around the globe have said as much: *This world is more Yes and...than either or.* In the months of summer, when creativity and emerging life is hard to miss, we will explore the spiritual imperative of *Yes and*. How do we engender curiosity and listening as our default response? What kind of spiritual practices might buoy our hearts, and create our capacity for joy? How might this community of faith make our shoulders strong, keep our hearts open, and join together as an island of sanity and solidarity. Join us in the *Yes, and...*