



# GET CONNECTED

## FINAL OPEN-TO-ALL LISTENING SESSION: TODAY

We are currently in a period of focused discernment to determine whether co-location with Shir Tikvah is the right path for us. **If you haven't yet attended a Co-location Information and Listening Session please attend our final session today, 1-2:30 p.m.**, in order to be well-informed about the possibility of co-location and have the opportunity to provide input. The congregation will be asked to vote about co-location later in 2019. More information: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/building-renovations/](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/building-renovations/)

## ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 2

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following our 10 a.m. Flower Communion Service on Sunday, June 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a time when we celebrate a successful year and conduct the business of this church that only church members can do. We need a quorum to conduct the meeting – please give us the gift of your time so that we may complete this work!

## SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CIRCLES

Stay connected at church this summer! We're offering a variety of opportunities for learning and spiritual deepening in community, including Soul Matters, Spiritual Deepening, and Newcomer Circles. Registration is now open and runs through Tuesday, May 21. Register online at [firstucircles.weebly.com](http://firstucircles.weebly.com). You may also register today or next Sunday in the Social Hall. We hope you'll join us!

## POCI CIRCLE TODAY

Anyone who identifies as a Person of Color or Indigenous Person is welcome to attend the next POCI Circle **today** from 1-3 p.m. in the Chancel Room. As we understand the important role of white allies in our lives, we also hold dearly the safe community spaces where our POCI communities can be in UU fellowship together. This is intended to be a group by and for People of Color and Indigenous People only. The goals of the group are to explore and understand each other's truths, seek the truth in love, and talk about topics of interest to us.

## FLOWER COMMUNION IS SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Please bring a flower from your yard to contribute to the creation of beautiful bouquets for Flower Communion Sunday on June 2 at 10 a.m. We celebrate the variety of peoples, contexts, and faiths represented in bouquets of beauty that is this congregation.

## 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. **beginning next Sunday, May 26!**

## 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.



# 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](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 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:

- 4/21 First Universalist Church \$1,749.45
- 5/5 Close the Gap \$23,320.00
- 5/12 CloseKnit \$768.41

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.

## 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 Comfort Shawls

Do you like to knit? Contact Pat Foulkes, [pfoulkes@hotmail.com](mailto:pfoulkes@hotmail.com), for directions for the comfort shawls that we distribute to congregants in times of need. If you know somebody who is in need of a Comfort Shawl; contact Susan Schonfeld, [susanwschonfeld@gmail.com](mailto:susanwschonfeld@gmail.com) or Mary Ellison, [maryellison2491@comcast.net](mailto:maryellison2491@comcast.net).



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MAY WORSHIP THEME: THRESHOLDS

# YOUTH SUNDAY "THROUGH & BEYOND"

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH WITH  
REV. JEN CROW

MAY 19, 2019

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**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. Jen Crow

**Bellsound**

**Prelude** Henry Stephenson  
*Prelude in B Minor*  
- Chopin

**Call to Worship** Jules Wood

**Opening Hymn #188** (please rise in body or spirit)  
*Come, Come, Wherever You Are*

**Lighting the Chalice** Hirut Hedge  
Love is the spirit of this church  
And service is its law.  
Muriel Ambrus  
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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**Reading** Vivian Hadley (9:30)  
Jason Berry (11:15)

**Reflection** Sage Waymire-Rozman

**Musical Offering** Senior High Youth  
*Time of Your Life*  
- Green Day

**Silence**

**Cycle of Life** Rev. Jen Crow

**Hymn of Prayer #123** (Please remain seated)  
*Spirit of Life*

**Reading** Molly Sheehan (9:30)  
Leila Ambrus (11:15)

**Reflection** Ava Schaefer

**Musical Offering** Madeline Bierbaum  
*The Climb*  
Lexi Lee  
- Jessi Alexander and Jon Mabe  
Maya Lee

**Reflection** Adrian Ali-Caccamo

**Offertory** Henry Stephenson  
*Jazz Prelude*  
- William Gillock

**Reflection** Ben Jaeger

**Musical Offering** Senior High Youth  
*Home*  
- Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeroes

**Recognition of Graduating Seniors** Emma Paskewitz  
Senior High Advisors  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

**Closing Hymn #1064** (teal hymnal)  
*Blue Boat Home*

**Closing Words** Rev. Jen Crow

**Blessing in Song # 413**  
*Go Now in Peace*  
Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the spirit of Live surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

**Music for the Journey** Franco Holder

**Worship Leaders**  
Rev. Jen Crow Senior Co-Minister  
Rev. Ruth MacKenzie Minister  
Franco Holder Pianist  
Emma Paskewitz COA & Senior High Coordinator  
Members of the Senior High Class

With thanks to Senior High Advisors  
Karen Kingsley  
Ron Schlatter  
Leslie Colerin  
Lindsey Thomas  
Jacques Capesius

**Graduating Seniors**  
Adrian Ali-Caccamo Liz Gaither Tom Mullin  
Emilio Alvarez Hirut Hedge Ellis Nordhougen  
Muriel Ambrus Noah Hoska Emma Owens  
Madeline Bierbaum Ben Jaeger Gavin Schuster  
Gracie Brandt-Fontaine Cali Juberian-McGuire Mara Schwob  
Jackson Carnes Adam Khelah Sanjay Sharma  
Sam Christenson Alexis Lee Molly Sheehan  
Spencer Enright Sophia Manolis Samantha Srichai  
Maren Frost Hazel McGraw Grace Wallace-Jackson

**Pillow Credits**  
The Senior High class and advisors would like to extend a huge thank you to the individuals who helped make the beautiful chalice pillows for our graduating seniors. Thank you Carolyn Liebler, Judith Grittner, Kathy Urberg, Sue Schiess, and Joyce Case.

**Chancel Flowers**  
Today's flowers were arranged by Meredith Sims of the Visual Arts Committee.

**Offering: First Universalist Senior High**  
This offering will go to support high school youth trips and programming. This summer, we will help youth attend Thrive: Leadership School For Youth of Color and Midwest Youth Leadership School.

**May Worship Theme: Thresholds**  
The nature of thresholds is that there is one foot in what was, and one foot in what is to become. We may look back, wondering if this step is the right step. We may look forward with resolve and anticipation. The spiritual life is one in which being present to threshold moments is an opportunity in pausing, noticing, remembering, and dreaming. This month we practice suspending our wish to know, our penchant for planning, and surrender ourselves to the deep life of thresholds, of not knowing, and living into our bravery and our love.