

## GET CONNECTED

### 3/22 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: PRESENTATION OF RENOVATION PLANS

Please join us on **Sunday, March 22 after the second service (12:45)** for an opportunity to view renovation plans, learn about what work will be completed in our building over the summer, and ask questions. The upcoming building renovations are being funded by our 2017 capital campaign *Not for Ourselves Alone: Building an Inclusive Future*, which raised \$4.5 million to improve our church's accessibility, hospitality, welcoming presence, and education & meeting spaces; allow us to address deferred maintenance; and improve the worship experience through enhancements to the sanctuary. We hope that as many members and friends as possible will be able to attend this important meeting. If you need childcare, please submit a request by March 15: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/childcare/](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/childcare/)

### WORKSHOP: CHANGE YOUR KITCHEN TO HELP THE CLIMATE

On **Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.–noon**, learn about reducing your carbon footprint by adopting a plant-rich diet and reducing food waste. Sponsored by the Environmental Justice Team. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/EJmarch7>

### ARTIST'S RECEPTION WITH GORDON COONS 3/8

A new exhibit of artwork by Gordon Coons is on view in the social hall through March 29. There will be an artist's reception on Sunday, March 8 after both services. Gordon Coons paints in the Ojibwa Woodland style and creates fumage (smoke art) by burning cedar which he embellishes with 24-karat gold leaf, in addition to printing with linoleum block.

### "THE CONDOR & THE EAGLE" FILM- TODAY!

Join First Universalist's Racial Justice Education Team (RJET) and Environmental Justice Team (EJT) for a drop-in screening of the movie "The Condor & The Eagle." This film offers a glimpse into the developing spiritual renaissance of four Indigenous environmental leaders as they learn from each other's long legacy of resistance to colonialism and its extractive economy. Showing **today from 1-2:30 p.m.** in the Cummins Room. Light snacks will be provided.

### ANNUAL GIVING 2020-21: BUILDING HOPE

Our annual giving drive—Feb. 23 through March 22—is how we check in with the 800+ households that financially support the church in order to aid our planning and budgeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1. This spring, we are asking our community, including our sustaining givers, to consider increasing their giving as we head into a year of significant and exciting changes. Current supporters received information in the mail last week. Additional packets for those who did not receive one are in the narthex just outside of the sanctuary. Thank you - the work of this church would not be possible without the financial support of members and friends!

### GATHERING IN GRATITUDE MARCH 25

Following the wrap up of our 2020-21 annual giving campaign, please join us on Wednesday, March 25, 4:30-7:30 p.m. for Gathering in Gratitude. We'll enjoy dinner, fellowship, and family-friendly fun in celebration of our community and in gratitude for your generosity and timely response to our annual giving campaign! RSVP: [tinyurl.com/2020gig](http://tinyurl.com/2020gig)

## 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, or if you would like support, contact Rev. Ruth MacKenzie at [ruth@firstuniv.org](mailto:ruth@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

### 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)

### ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing devices and large print orders of service are available; ask an usher. Cushions for the pews are located near the entrances to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service. Designated **fragrance-free rows** are located in the balcony.

### OPEN HEARTS AND SPIRITUAL CARE

We know that worship can take 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.

### OFFERING PLATE

Recent offering plates from Sunday Service:

2/2	ISAIAH
	\$1,010.13
2/9	Youth Cultural Exchange
	\$465.15
2/16	Nawayee Center School
	\$927.54

To make a donation to the offering plate via credit card, use your smartphone to **text firstuniv to 73256**. Or, use the Square Cash app using our cash tag, \$firstuniv.

Know an organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate).

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

#### Meal Support

If the ground has shifted beneath your feet, let us bring a meal or two to offer comfort and care. The Congregational Care team enables congregants to provide meals for each other on a short-term basis in times of need. Contact Nick Nier ([nicholasnier@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasnier@gmail.com)) or Julia Skowronski ([jskow@fastmail.com](mailto:jskow@fastmail.com)).



FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
OF MINNEAPOLIS

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MARCH WORSHIP THEME: SHARING

# MINE, MINE, MINE

REV. KAREN HUTT

MARCH 1, 2020

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## Music for Gathering

Franco Holder

### Preparing our Hearts #1018

*Come and Go With Me*

Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.  
(Repeat.)

There'll be singing in that land... There'll be justice in that land...

### Words of Welcome

Arif Mamdani

### Prelude

*Open the Door*  
- Joyce Poley

Chalice Singers  
Franco Holder, conductor

### Wisdom Story

*Ukko's Bread*

- Finnish folk tale adapted by Faye Mogensen, in  
*Ancient Stories for Modern Times*

Sue Searing

### Opening Hymn #348 (Please rise in body or spirit.)

*Guide My Feet* (v. 1 and 2)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race. (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

### 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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### Song for Journeying #348

*Guide My Feet* (v. 4 and 1)

Hold my hand while I run this race. (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

*Pre-K through 6th graders are excused to attend their Religious Education classes.*

## Silence

### Cycle of Life

Arif Mamdani

### 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

*Where You Go* (Rise in body or spirit when you hear the music start.)

Where you go I will go, Beloved  
Where you go I will go. (Repeat)

And your people are my people. Your people are mine.  
Your people are my people. Your Divine, my Divine.

- Shoshana Jedwab  
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### Reading

Rev. Karen Hutt

### Musical Offering

From *Kirby's Epic Yarn*  
- Jun Ishikawa

Franco Holder

### Sermon

*Mine, Mine, Mine*

Rev. Karen Hutt

### Offertory

*Hopes and Dreams*  
- Toby Fox

Franco Holder

### Closing Hymn #1030

*We Are Marching*

### Closing Words

Rev. Karen Hutt

### Blessing in Song #413

*Go Now in Peace*

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Karen Hutt	Adjunct Minister
Arif Mamdani	Director of Membership & Adult Ministries
Sue Searing	Storyteller
Franco Holder	Pianist
Chalice Singers	
Lucy Vokes-Ruffcorn	9:30 Chalice Lighter
Knut Remmem	9:30 Youth Reader
Elanor Bialostosky	11:15 Chalice Lighter
Matt Dalby	11:15 Youth Reader

### Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning were arranged by Martha Moriarty of the Visual Arts Committee.

### Offering: Simpson Housing Services

Simpson Housing Services' mission is to house, support and advocate for people experiencing homelessness. Simpson Housing Services began as an emergency overnight shelter in the basement of Simpson United Methodist Church in 1982. Simpson has since become a leading nonprofit providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness. In response to unmet community needs, their programs have grown to include emergency shelter, single adult supportive housing, and family supportive housing. Simpson Housing works across the metro area, partnering with landlords and developers to find affordable housing for all families and individuals. At any given time, they provide supportive services to 100 individuals and 210 families with over 500 children. Simpson Housing Services is one of First Universalist's six Faithful Action Partners.

### March Worship Theme: Sharing

Embedded in the mission statement of First Universalist Church is the principle of sharing. "In the Universalist spirit of love and hope, we give, receive and grow." Our mission professes the value of sharing, of giving and receiving, and experiencing the natural outcome of growth. So many of us have experienced the feeling of receiving when we have given in some way. And many times when we decide to let down our defenses to receive a hug, a kind word, or a meal, we are giving the gift of vulnerability and greater opportunities to form deeper bonds. Sharing is a wonderful rubric of spiritual and emotional growth, individually and communally. This month we explore the different facets of sharing, and how in so doing we grow our spirits, and our faith.