

# FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY BROKLYN A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

# WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you are Whomever you love Wherever you are on your life journey You are welcome here.

# **SONG OF HOPE\***

From all that dwell below the skies Let songs of hope and faith arise. Let peace, good will on earth be sung Through every land by every tongue.

# LIGHTING THE CHALICE\*

Blessed is the fire of our faith, and the chalice of our community;

# Blessed is the living tradition that is carried forward in our work and in our love

Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here;

# Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.

Blessed is the light of the eternal;

Blessed is the sacred call of life to which we give ourselves in answer.

# CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL



# **SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY\***



# **Becoming a Vector**

Welcome to First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, where we are exploring the themes of *moving towards our ideals* through words, music, silence, prayer, and community.

# Gathering **↑** Gathering Music

During this gathering time, let's sing together, creating warm, sacred space. We stand, sit, and dance as we feel moved, and we may light candles to bring our private prayers into the sanctuary.

- ♪ Rank by Rank Again We Stand (#358)
- **♪ Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

**Chalice Lighting** (inside cover)

**♪ Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

# Deepening

### Service of the Living Tradition

40 Years: Kay Corkett ~ Maria Maida

**25 Years:** Dawn Brekke ~ John Brekke ~ Carolyn Ellis ~ Lake Wise

10 Years: Matt Castle ~ Eliza Frecon ~ James Rohrbach ~ Lissy DeSantis

Congregational Response:

To all our Honorees: we thank you most sincerely for your years of support, service, and loyalty to First Unitarian. We, who are the inheritors of your work and creativity in this congregation promise you that we will build upon what you have handed down to our keeping.

# **Bridging Ceremony**

Daniel Bongiorno David Jobin Noah John (Sarah) Wolf Schwartz Anna Vavagiakis

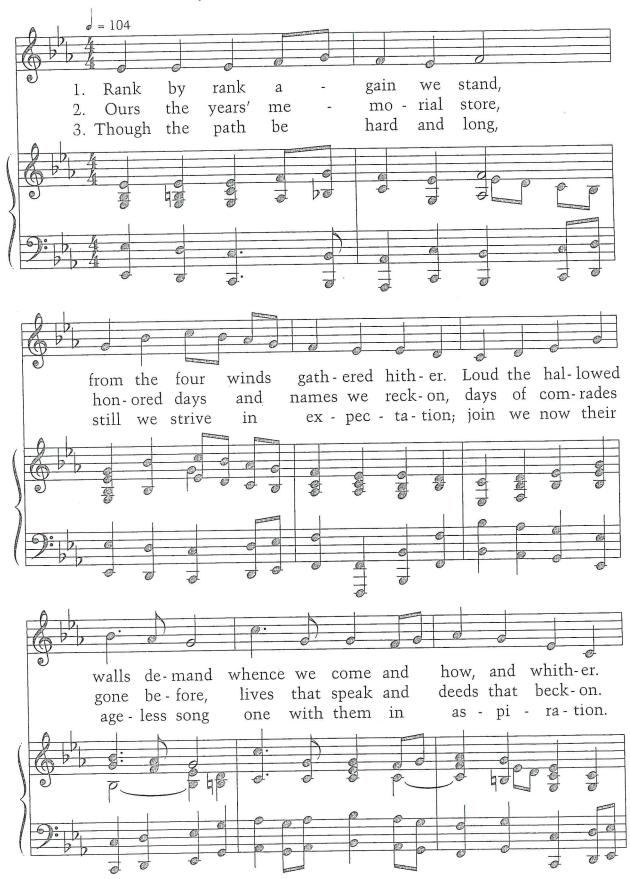
# Children's Blessing & Recessional

↑ Spirit of the Living God by Daniel Iverson

Sermon

♪ Peace Like a River (#100)

# 358 Rank by Rank Again We Stand



Words: From John Huntley Skrine, 1848–1923,



# I've Got Peace Like a River 100



5. I've got tears like the raindrops . . .

6. I've got strength like a mountain . . .

Words: vs. 1-3, Marvin V. Frey, 1918(?)-1992, © 1974 Marvin V. Frey,

vs. 4-6, Anonymous

Music: Marvin V. Frey, © 1974 Marvin V. Frey

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# Connecting Offering

♪ Woyaya by Osibisa

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

**Candle Lighting** 

Announcements

**↑** My Life Flows on in Endless Song (#108)

Benediction

Sermon: Rev. Ana Levy-Lyons (she/her)

Assistant Minister: Rev. Meagan Henry (she/her)

Greeting Kate Caudill (she/her)
Announcements Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life (she/her)
Music Director Adam Podd (he/him)

Our Lay Chapel Minister is Edwin Lord (he/him)
Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence (he/him)
Our Connections Table Host is Lauren Dohr (she/her)

#### **Notes**

Mystical Reading: by Rabbi Tarfon in "The Ethics of the Fathers," circa 100 CE

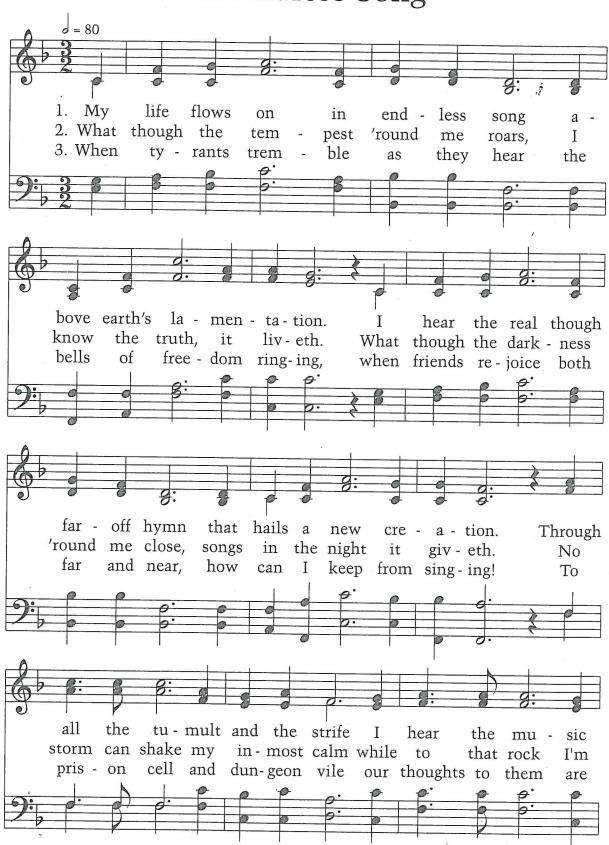
**Today's Flowers:** "In memory and Honor of my Godparents, Lovetta & Juan Suero, long time members of this congregation, Gladys Watts"

**Share the Plate: World Central Kitchen** responds to natural disasters, man-made crises, and humanitarian emergencies around the world. WCK's Relief Team mobilizes quickly and effectively to feed people in need, partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of local restaurants, food trucks, and emergency kitchens.

Donations to First Unitarian can be made at www.fuub.org (Choose the Support First Unitarian button) or Give By Text 347-735-5264.

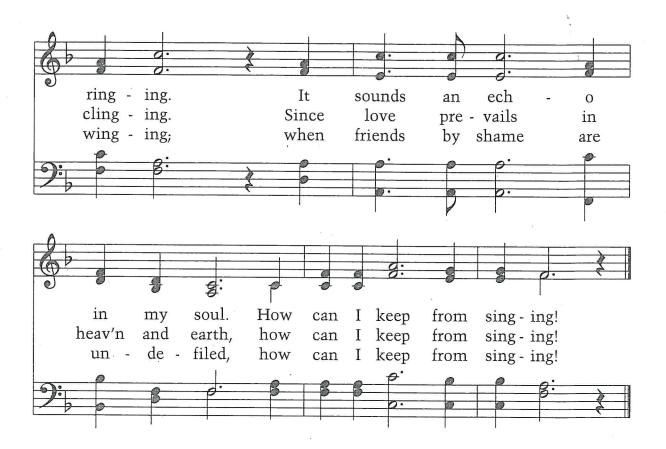
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# My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Words: Early Quaker song Music: American gospel tune

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# **Community Events**

# **Today in Religious Education:**

- Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11 AM 12:30 PM, drop off anytime and pick up after the service. 50 Monroe Place Classroom.
- Grades K-1, Love Surrounds Us / After Bridging Ceremony-12:30, Eastman Room
- Grade 2-3, Moral Tales / After Bridging Ceremony-12:30, Green Room
- Grade 4-6, OWL / 11:00-12:30 PM, Year End Celebration-parents join after Rev Ana's Sermon, Frances White Room
- Grade 7, Building Bridges / Field Trip to the Ganesh Temple in Flushing
- Grades 8-9, Coming of Age / 11AM-12:30 PM, Library
- Grades 10-12, HS Youth Group / Bridging Ceremony during worship and regular meeting 12:30-1:30 3rd Floor Teen Room

# Support Our Youth Group - GoFundMe!

This summer, your Youth Group will once again be journeying to War, West Virginia, for our seventh annual service trip there! We are excited for the many adventures to come, the interpersonal connections we hope to strengthen, and the work we will provide for the community. In order to provide everyone with an equal opportunity to give back through service, we have spent many hours fundraising and planning.



That's why your help could make a huge difference for us, *your donations to our GoFundMe could mean the difference for our youth*, ensuring that no one will have to pay out of pocket and that we all will have the opportunity to come on this meaningful and exciting trip!

# Today at First Unitarian:

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea and fellowship following the service. If you are a relative newcomer, please visit a member of our Connections Committee at the Connections table.

# Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Sunday, May 19th, 12:45PM in the Sanctuary

Documents including the meeting agenda, meeting rules, proposed budget, officer bios, and other necessary documents are available at www.fuub.org.

Members of the congregation will have signed the membership book at least 60 days before the annual meeting, completed a fiscal year 24-25 pledge form, and made at least a partial payment on their current year pledge. If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, please contact Garnett Losak (garnett@firstubrooklyn.org).

- ❖ Crafts Ministry, This Sunday During Fellowship Hour & Annual Meeting
  Bring your needlework, beadwork, drawing and other craftwork to the Crafts Ministry table
  after the service and then bring your project to the sanctuary for the Annual Meeting. Share
  ideas and conversation. Yarn, needles, and guidance available.
- Listening Sessions with the Board, Sunday afternoons, 12:45PM
  Our congregation is facing a big change during a time of stress in our community and our world. The board of trustees wants to hear from you. What is working for you? What can we do better? How goes it with your spirit? Everyone is invited to attend one session from now until the end of the program year. No listening session today. Next week we will meet in the Frances White Room.

# **Looking Forward:**

- \* Article II Forum, Tuesday, May 21st, 7:00-8:15pm (on Zoom)
- Delegates to this year's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA) will vote on whether to replace the current Seven Principles in the UUA by-laws with a set of rephrased Values. This is an important vote. Our GA delegates want to hear your thoughts! Please join them at a learning and listening session. All are welcome, even—and especially!—if you've never heard about Article II. The Zoom link is available in the e-news or contact Mary Most marymost@msn.com.
- \* Hands Across the Sand & Beach Clean-Up, Saturday, May 25th, 12-2:30PM Let's meet up at Rockaway beach! Join members of the Green Team at the event "Hands Across the Sand." Following the action we will be participating in a cleanup of Beach 96. Wear a hat, sunscreen, and close-toed shoes! Plan to meet up on the Sanctuary steps at 10AM to travel to the beach together. More info coming soon. Go to https://volunteer.surfrider.org/ for more information and sign-up.
- ❖ First Fridays, June 7th, 6:30 9:00 PM

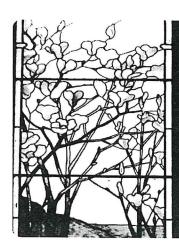
Come join us and share your voice as a singer or speaker in our final Open Mic of the program year. Bring sheet music in your key if singing. Sing a cover or an original, tell us a story, read a poem or monologue, tell some jokes! Or just come and enjoy the show. Our accompanist this month is Steven Ray Watkins - he's the amazing Music Director for my group, Those Girls! \$10.00 suggested donation. Snacks will be available.

Brooklyn Pride Parade, Saturday, June 8th, Park Slope, Evening (Meeting time and place TBA)

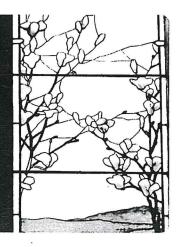
Let's have a big First Unitarian contingent at this year's parade. We will carry our Side of Love and Congregation banners, and "march" together in fellowship and solidarity. All are welcome!

Community Yoga, Every Tuesday evening, 6-7PM

Join certified instructor and First U member, Dawn Reed, for this all-levels community Yoga class. Bring your own mat. Blocks, blankets, and straps are provided. Suggested donation: \$15 supports the mission of First Unitarian. We will practice in the McKinney Chapel. Bring our own mat or use one of ours. All are welcome!



The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn is a joyful, loving, religious community that inspires and empowers people to Grow spiritually, Care for one another, and Work for social justice and stewardship of the earth.



# Our congregation was founded in 1833 and this sanctuary was built in 1844.

It is located on a hill near a place where two waterways join and empty into the Atlantic Ocean. We celebrate a liberal tradition that promotes peace and social justice, and nurtures the lifelong journey of mind and spirit.

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Lenape people who cared for it through many generations. We acknowledge the contributions and experiences of Native peoples, and in tribute to them, pay homage, and strive to learn how to be in better relationship with the earth we all inhabit.

Masks are now optional in all areas of the church building. To protect ourselves and each other, we strongly encourage everyone to have the latest COVID booster available and a flu vaccine. If you are not feeling well, please enjoy our service on-line.

**In order to reduce our use of paper**, this order of service cover is re-used. If there's information you need, feel free to take it with you, otherwise, please leave it in your pew.

**To protect our historic building**, please refrain from bringing food into the Sanctuary. Water in closed containers is welcome.

## At First U, it's very important to us that we care for one another.

After the service a member of our Caring Ministry will be in the Chapel of All Faiths. If you are going through a hard time or if you are concerned about someone else, we invite you to come and connect with them. We very much want to hear from you.



# Donations to First Unitarian are received with gratitude.

Scan the QR code to the left to be taken directly to our online portal. Checks or cash may be dropped in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGREGATION ORGANIZED IN 1833

BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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