

FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
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A UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

WHOEVER YOU ARE

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.

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

Musical notation for the Children's Recessional. The first line of music is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, and C. The lyrics "We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your" are written below the first line. The second line of music continues the melody, with chords Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, and F indicated above. The lyrics "joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be - ing you." are written below the second line.

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joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be - ing you.

SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY

Musical notation for the Song of Hope for Jazz Sunday. The first line of music is in 6/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "From all that dwell be-low the skies" are written below the first line. The second line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Let songs of hope and faith a - rise" written below. The third line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Let peace, good-will on Earth be sung" written below. The fourth line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue" written below.

From all that dwell be-low the skies _____ Let songs of hope and faith a - rise _____
Let peace, good-will on Earth be sung _____ Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue _____

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

Read Responsively:

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.*

September 7, 2025

Living Waters

Welcome to First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, where we are exploring the themes of *communion* and *interdependence* 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.

♪ Shall We Gather at the River (#1046)

♪ Whoever You Are (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ Song of Hope (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Wisdom Story Higgins, A Drop With A Dream by Rev. Chris Buice**

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

♪ Good News by Coco Love Alcorn

Sermon

Water Ceremony

♪ When Water Comes to Life by Cloud Cult

Connecting **Offering**

♪ A Water Hymn by Connie Lim

Announcements

♪ Turn the World Around (insert)

Benediction

1046 Shall We Gather at the River

$\text{♩} = 120$

C G7

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev'-ry bur-den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, soon our pil-grim-age will

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trod, — with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing
 spray, — we will walk and wor-ship e-ver, all the
 down. — Grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-
 cease, — soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the

G7 C F

by the throne of God?
 hap-py gold-en day. Yes, we'll gath-er at the
 vide a robe and a crown.
 mel-o-dy of peace.

C G C

riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er,

Shall We Gather at the River - 2

gath- er with the saints_ at the riv - er that flows by the throne of _ God.

The musical score for 'Shall We Gather at the River - 2' is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The bass staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'gath- er with the saints_ at the riv - er that flows by the throne of _ God.'

Nada Te Turbe

1047

♩ = 72

Spanish: Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te
Noth-ing can troub - le, noth-ing can fright - en.

qui en a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta. Na-da te tur - be,
Those that seek God shall ne-ver go want-ing. Noth-ing can troub - le,

na - da te es-pan - te Só - lo Dios ba - sta.
noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

The musical score for 'Nada Te Turbe' is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. The score consists of three systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The bass staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Spanish: Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te Noth-ing can troub - le, noth-ing can fright - en.' The second system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The bass staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'qui en a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta. Na-da te tur - be, Those that seek God shall ne-ver go want-ing. Noth-ing can troub - le,' The third system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The bass staff has a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat major to D minor) after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'na - da te es-pan - te Só - lo Dios ba - sta. noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.'

TURN THE WORLD AROUND

LEADERS: *We come from the fire, living in the fire
Go back to the fire, turn the world around*

ALL: **We come from the fire, living in the fire
Go back to the fire, turn the world around**

LEADERS: *We come from the water, living in the water Go back to the
water, turn the world around*

ALL: **We come from the water, living in the water Go back to
the water, turn the world around**

LEADERS: *We come from the mountain, living on the mountain Go back to
the mountain, turn the world around*

ALL: **We come from the mountain, living on the mountain
Go back to the mountain, turn the world around**

LEADERS: *Woah, so is life! Ah, so is life!*

ALL: **Woah, so is life! Ah, so is life!**

LEADERS: *Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are?*

ALL: **Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are?**

LEADERS: *See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are?*

ALL: **See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are?**

LEADERS: *Water make the river, river wash the mountain
Fire make the sunlight, turn the world around
Heart is of the river, body is the mountain
Spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around
We are of the spirit, truly of the spirit
Only can the spirit turn the world around*

ALL: **Woah, so is life! Ah, so is life!
Woah, so is life! Ah, so is life!
Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are?
See we one another clearly? Do we know who we are?
Woah, so is life! Ah, so is life! Woah, so is life! Ah, so is
life!**

Sermon Rev. Micah C. Ma

Wisdom Story Rev. Meagan Henry

Music Director Adam Podd

Announcements Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life

Our Lay Worship Leader is Garnett Losak

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Daniel Walters

Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence

Our Online Host is Yvonne Garrett

Our Connections Table Host is Maxine Schulof

Mystical Reading by Kahlil Gibran, 19th century Lebanese-American writer, poet, and artist

MUSIC NOTES:

Greetings! Adam Podd here (Director of Music) to welcome you to another program year of life-giving music as part of worship at First U Brooklyn. The choir returns to their regular schedule this week, singing every Sunday morning. If you're interested in joining this great choir, it's easy - just email Adam (adam@firstubrooklyn.org). The choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9am to rehearse (no regular weeknights!) and all who love to sing are welcome.

Today in Religious Education:

Today is an All Ages service *Activity Packs are available for little ones*

Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11AM-12:30PM

Drop off to the 50 Monroe Classroom. Pick up after the service.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Your child/children must be registered in order to participate in our programs. Use the QR code to Register your child today!

Upcoming Religious Education (RE) Events:

September 14: *Children's Chapel* – Intro to JETPIG (UU Shared Values)

Intro to Coming of Age

Family Orientation 1-2 pm. (See community events).

September 21: *RE Classes Begin*

Please be respectful of the scent free area below the west balcony.

Choose another area of the Sanctuary if you use perfumes, scented soaps, essential oils or scented laundry supplies.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join us for fellowship in the undercroft, following the service.

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **All Congregation Picnic in Brooklyn Bridge Park, Today, Following Worship.**

We will gather by Jane's Carousel. Bring your own brown bag lunch and a blanket. There is also food for sale there. If you need a ride, please meet Rev. Micah or Rev. Meagan on the front steps of the church not later than 15 minute after the end of the worship service. Our Young Adult Ministry will run ahead to reserve picnic table seating for anyone who can't sit on the ground. Carousel rides for children on us!

Looking Forward:

❖ **Book Club, Thursday, September 11th, 7:00PM**

We are discussing *How to Say Babylon* by Safiyeh Sinclair, an honestly brutal memoir of growing up in a Rastafarian home. In October we are reading Eve Chung's *The Daughters of Shandong*. Please email (l.a.holloway35@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome.

❖ **Faith in Action Expo Sunday, September 14th following worship**

There are many programs and activities at First Unitarian! You'll have a chance to sign-up for activities and programs, join a team, or just learn more. A light lunch will be available.

❖ **Religious Education Family Orientation Sunday, September 14th 1:00 PM**

Got Kids?! Join us for the religious education family welcome lunch and RE orientation. We will go over the calendar, special events, class description, volunteer teacher teams and safety policies. Light lunch and drinks will be provided. McKinney Chapel.

❖ **Climate Week Begins on September 15th**

Fourth Universalist and the Musical Seeds Project are collaborating on an art and music event for Sun Day, a Global Day of Action, on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at 4th U (160 Central Park West) to celebrate solar power and protest fossil fuels. There will be music, art making, actions to call/email our elected representatives, and a rolling, biking, walking parade in Central Park. More information: www.sunday.earth

Programming Sponsored by Green Faith

- September 15 @ 5:30-6pm: Multifaith Mondays with the Interfaith Center of NY
- **September 18 @ 9:30am-12pm: Faiths 4 Climate Justice Interfaith March & Jericho Walk***
- September 19 @ 12-12:30pm: Climate Week Opening Prayer Vigil at the United Nations
- September 20 @ Time TBD: Make Billionaires Pay March
- September 21 @ 1-6pm: Sun Day Festival with Third Act NYC
- September 26 @ 12-12:30pm: Climate Week Closing Prayer Vigil at the United Nations

***This is the main event of the week so if you can only attend one, try to make it this one!** More information and event registration at greenfaith.org

❖ **Bring a Friend/Meet a Friend Sunday, September 21st, following worship.**

Our annual tradition returns! You're guaranteed to meet someone new, even if you've been here for years. This is the perfect day to invite friends to First Unitarian!

❖ **Meditation Group, begins Sunday, September 21st, 10:00AM**

All are welcome to come together on Sunday mornings for a peaceful hour of meditation in preparation for the worship service. We begin with a short reading. No experience is needed. We meet in the Teen Room on the 3rd Floor. For more information contact Daniel Walters. (dpwalters@gmail.com)

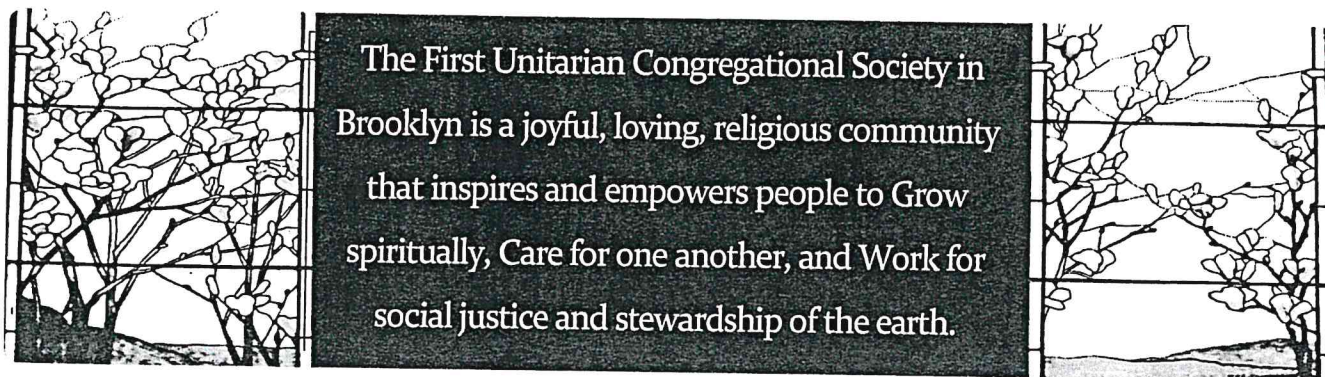
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The Minister's Discretionary Fund provides small grants to members & friends of First Unitarian in times of need.

Donations to First Unitarian are received with gratitude.

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Unitarian Universalist Values and Covenant

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love.

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our **shared values**. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.

Our congregation is located on a hill near a place where two waterways join and empty into the Atlantic Ocean.

We honor with gratitude the land 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.

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. Liquids in closed containers are 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.

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