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A UNITARIAN Ⓞ UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

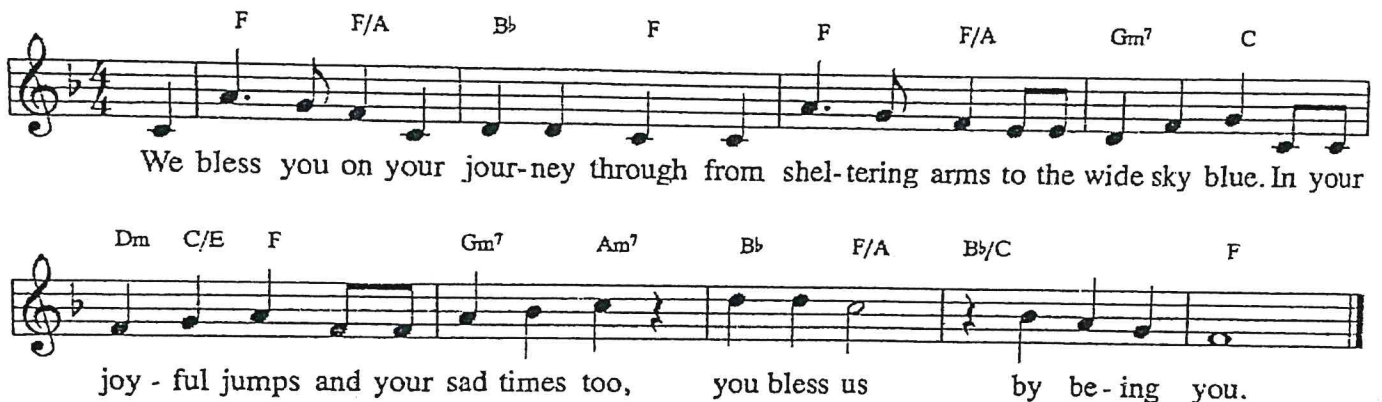
## WHOEVER YOU ARE

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 RECESSONAL



Musical notation for "CHILDREN'S RECESSONAL" in 4/4 time, key of F major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the staff.

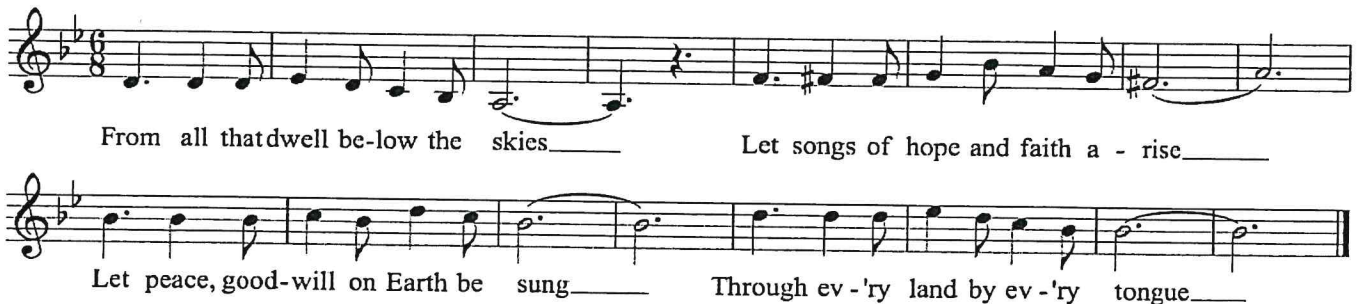
F F/A B $\flat$  F F F/A Gm $^7$  C

We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your

Dm C/E F Gm $^7$  Am $^7$  B $\flat$  F/A B $\flat$ /C F

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

## SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



Musical notation for "SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY" in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. There are rests in the lyrics corresponding to the musical phrasing.

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.*

October 19, 2025

## WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WORSHIP

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

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### 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.*

**♪ Oh, I Woke Up This Morning (#153)**

**♪ Whoever You Are (inside cover)**

**Chalice Lighting (inside cover)**

**♪ Song of Hope (inside cover)**

**Greeting**

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### Deepening **Wisdom Story**

**Children's Blessing & Recessional**

**Silent Meditation & Prayer**

**Candle Lighting**

**♪ Plowshare Prayer** by Spencer LaJoye

**Sermon**

**♪ Voice Still and Small (#391)**

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### Connecting **Offering**

**♪ House Fires** by Spencer LaJoye

**Announcements**

**♪ For the Beauty of the Earth (#21)**

**Benediction**



# 153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

$\text{♩} = 63$

1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind
2. I was walk - ing and talk - ing with my mind *and it was*
3. I was sing - ing and pray - ing with my mind
4. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind

*stayed,* stayed on free - dom. Woke up this morn - ing with my  
 stayed on free - dom. Walk - ing and talk - ing with my  
 stayed on free - dom. Sing - ing and pray - ing with my  
 stayed on free - dom. Woke up this morn - ing with my

mind stayed on free - dom.  
 mind *and it was stayed,* stayed on free - dom.  
 mind stayed on free - dom.  
 mind stayed on free - dom.

Woke up this morn - ing with my mind stayed on  
 Walk - ing and talk - ing with my mind *and it was stayed,* stayed on  
 Sing - ing and pray - ing with my mind stayed on  
 Woke up this morn - ing with my mind stayed on



free-dom,  
 free-dom, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu - ia.  
 free-dom, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu,  
 free-dom,

## No More Auction Block for Me

154

$\text{♩} = 100$

1. No more auc-tion block for me. No more, no more.  
 2. No more driv-er's lash for me. No more, no more.  
 3. No more peck of corn for me. No more, no more.  
 4. No more pint of salt for me. No more, no more.

No more auc-tion block for me, man-y thou-sand gone.  
 No more driv-er's lash for me, man-y thou-sand gone.  
 No more peck of corn for me, man-y thou-sand gone.  
 No more pint of salt for me, man-y thou-sand gone.

# Voice Still and Small

391

$\text{♩} = 46$

Voice still and small, deep in-side all, I hear you call,

sing-ing. In storm and rain, sor-row and pain,

still we'll re-main sing-ing. Calm-ing my fears,

quench-ing my tears, through all the years, sing-ing.



# 21 For the Beauty of the Earth

$\bullet = 112$

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor  
 2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and  
 3. For the won - der of each hour of the day and  
 4. For the joy of hu - man care, sis - ter, broth - er,

of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny  
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,  
 par - ent, child, for the kin - ship we all share,

o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Source of all, to  
 sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

thee we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

❖ **Annual Halloween Bake Sale, Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>, during fellowship hour**  
Treat yourself to some ghoulish goodies and get into the spirit of Halloween! Support the high school Youth Group in funding for their annual service trip to West Virginia and grab some sustenance before the congregational meeting. See you in the undercroft!

❖ **E-Waste and Textile Event, Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 10AM-2PM**  
Once again, we are pleased to work with the Lower East Side Ecology Center and Councilman Lincoln Restler to host an e-recycling event. This year the LESEC will also collect no longer needed textiles (but please save your best items for UniFair). Drop off will be in front of the McKinney Chapel on Pierrepoint Street.

❖ **New Member Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
If you feel you have found your spiritual home at First Unitarian you may be ready to sign our historic membership book. Members of First Unitarian will influence the future of our congregation as we enter the search for our next settled minister. For more information or to set up a time to talk (in person or on zoom) contact Garnett Losak (garnett@firstubrooklyn.org)

❖ **Celebrate Thanksgiving with First Unitarian!, Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM**

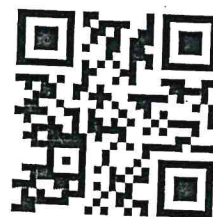
Save the Date!! We will gather together in the Undercroft for feast and fellowship. Organic turkey, stuffing, and gravy on us. You bring the sides. Watch the e-news for an RSVP form coming soon.

**Meditation Group meets Sundays, 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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**Share the Plate October: Envision Freedom Fund.** Envision Freedom Fund works alongside impacted communities to dismantle the oppressive and interconnected criminal, legal, and immigration systems. With freedom as our guiding principle, we invest in innovative campaigns and programs that aim to win long-term, transformative change, while meeting the urgent needs of community members in the present.



**Donations to First Unitarian are received with gratitude.** Scan the QR code to the left to be taken directly to our online portal. Checks to First Unitarian or cash may be dropped in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

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**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.



**Sermon** Rev. Micah C. Ma  
**Music Director** Adam Podd  
**Announcements** Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life  
**Our Lay Worship Leader** is Octavia Findley  
**Our Lay Pastoral Minister** is Michelle Kuchuk  
**Our Livestream Producer** is Robin Bossert  
**Our Connections Table Hosts** are Maxine Schulof & Brian Elig

**NOTES:**

**Mystical Reading** by Ralph Waldo Emerson

**MUSIC NOTES:**

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome **Spencer LaJoye** to our service today as they tour their original music all over the Northeast — including a concert right here in our chapel last night as part of the Voices In the Heights concert series.

**Spencer LaJoye** is making queer indie folk music for everyone. They are a coast-to-coast singer/songwriter and vocal loop artist with Midwest roots, a classically-trained violinist with an inner theater kid's love of group choreography, and a student of Americana music with a theology degree hanging in their studio. Spencer has been touring their autobiographical folk songs for over a decade, but their viral 2021 anthem "Plowshare Prayer" secured them a permanent place in hearts and households across the world, as well as a peculiar career as a voracious songsmith with an unshakeable pastoral presence.

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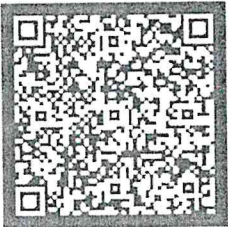
**Today in Religious Education:**

*Activity Packs are available for little ones to use during the service.*

**Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11AM-12:30PM**  
Drop off to the 50 Monroe Classroom. Pick up after the service.

**RE Classes today!**

*The children will exit the Sanctuary during the Children's Recessional and go directly to the McKinney Chapel where they will have 10 minute music session before their teachers take them to their classrooms. Pick up is at 12:30 from the classroom.*



**Grades K-1: Love Surrounds Us** - Eastman Room  
**Grades 2-3: Moral Tales** - Green Room  
**Grades 4-5: Toolbox of Faith** - Frances White Room  
**Grades 6-7: Building Bridges** - Field Trip  
**Grades 8-9: Coming of Age** - 11:00-12:30, Library  
**Grades 10-12: HS Youth Group** / 12:30-1:30, Third Floor Teen Room

**Registration is Open and Ongoing!**

*Your child/children must be registered in order to participate in our programs.*

Use the QR code to Register your child today!

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*Please join us for fellowship in the undercroft, following the service.*

## **Notice of Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 26th, 12:45PM**

Draft Agenda, Finance Report, Report of the Transition Team, Report from the 2025 delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly. Additional items as determined by the board of trustees. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary and on Zoom (via the worship zoom link). All are invited to attend.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Today at First Unitarian:**

#### **❖ Poetry of Devotion & Doubt Inaugural Meeting, Today, 12:45PM**

The tension between devotion and doubt has pulled at humanity since the beginning of time. In many cultures and faiths it is well expressed through poetry. Join us if you are stirred by the writing of the believer and Bengali poet Sri Chinmoy who penned "But, but, but, / God the All-Love / Never becomes boring. / Never." or the doubting of the nineteenth century English Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins who cried out in his verse, "Comforter, where, where is your comforting." We will explore such poetry, well-known and obscure, published and unpublished. We will make time for your own writing and also for writing on site. Robert McDowell's *Poetry as Spiritual Practice* is a book you may want to review in the meantime, but not required. Contact Beth Evans (beth.evans.is@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Looking Forward:**

#### **❖ Women's Leadership Alliance Zoom with our Clara Barton Sisterhood, Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00PM**



Honorees Colleen Olsen, Rita Pearl, and Nancy Russell will be speaking about their individual journeys as UU women at this online meeting, with time for audience Q & A. (Kay Corkett is unable to attend.) Use this QR Code to register for the Zoom. The Clara Barton Sisterhood: Universalist, Clara Barton, is best known for her work in organizing nursing services during the Civil War and, later, founding the American Red Cross. She did not start this work until she was over 40 — in an era when many women died before reaching that age. The UU Women's Federation created the Clara

Barton Sisterhood in her name to honor women aged 80 and over for their contributions to their congregations and communities.

#### **❖ Friday Night Open Mic Nights Return Starting October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9PM**

Calling all singers, poets, and storytellers! All are welcome to come together once a month on Friday nights to share their work. An accompanist will be provided. Suggested donation \$10 includes light snacks. We gather in the McKinney Chapel. Audiences are welcome too! Come out to support our performers! For more information or to help out contact Wendy Russell (wendy@firstubrooklyn.org). Special thank you to Bob Bero and Kathy Ivans for their support!



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BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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