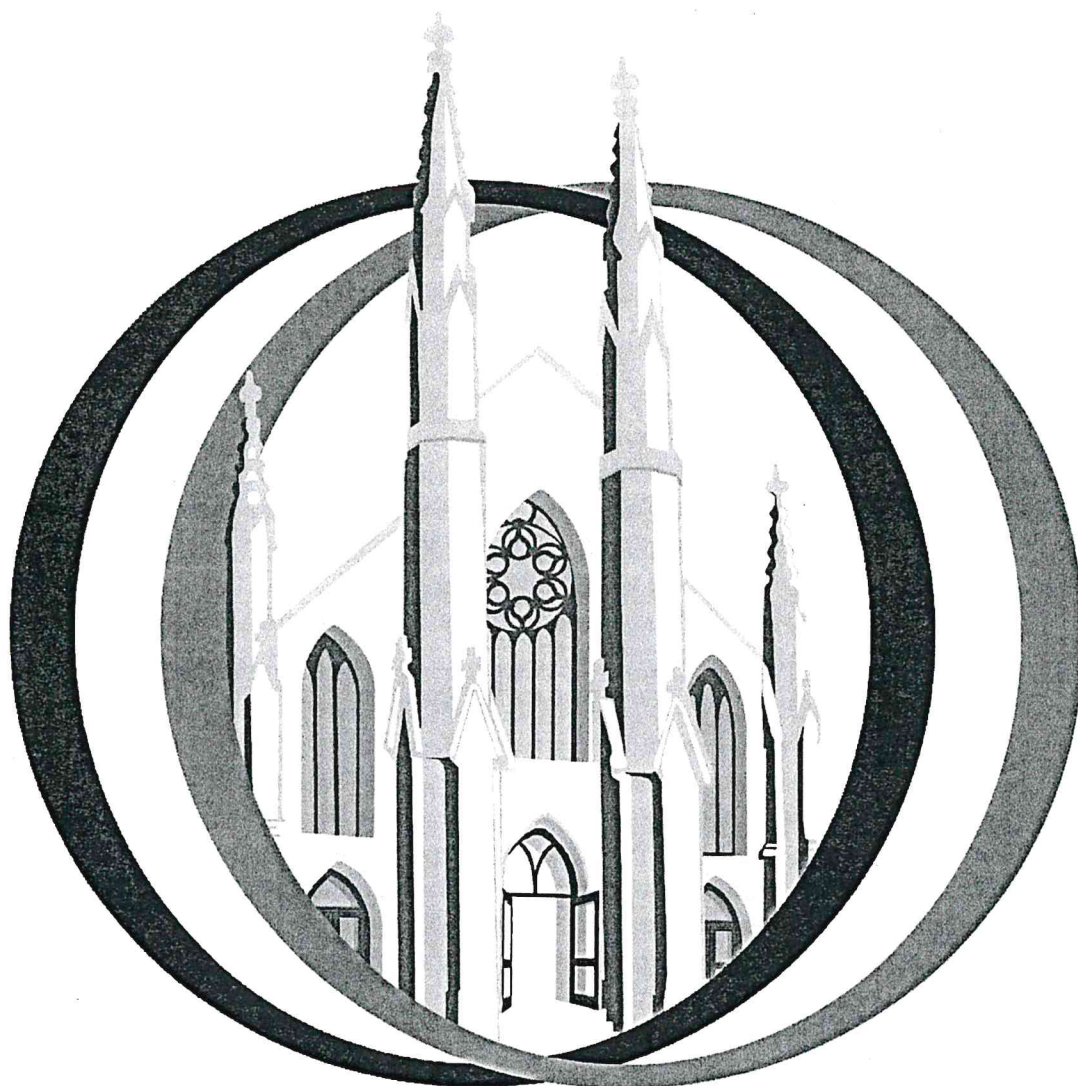




FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
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A UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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 are: "We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your". The second line of music continues the melody, with chords: Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, and F. The lyrics are: "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 8/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "From all that dwell be-low the skies_____ Let songs of hope and faith a - rise_____". The second line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics: "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.*

November 30, 2025

Resistance in the Corn Belt: Building Beloved Community in the Midwest

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

♪ We Should Be One (#318)

♪ Whoever You Are (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ Song of Hope (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening Wisdom Story: *What if No One Forgave?* By Barbara Marshman

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Candle Lighting

Reading: *A Map to the Next World* by Joy Harjo

♪ *Courage, My Friend* by Eric Bogle

Sermon

♪ May Nothing Evil Cross This Door (#1)

Connecting Offering

♪ *Swimming to the Other Side* by Pat Humphries of Emma's Revolution

Announcements

♪ We Will Not Stop Singing (insert)

Benediction

We Would Be One

$\text{♩} = 69$

1. We would be one as now we join in sing-ing
2. We would be one in build-ing for to-mor-row

our hymn of love, to pledge our-selves a-new
a no-bler world than we have known to-day.

to that high cause of great-er un-der-stand-ing
We would be one in search-ing for that mean-ing

of who we are, and what in us is true.
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.

† Words: Samuel Anthony Wright, 1919–
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933,
© 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

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We would be one in liv - ing for each oth - er
As one, we pledge our - selves to great - er ser - vice,

This musical system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, the same key signature, and a common time signature. The accompaniment is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

to show to all a new com - mu - ni - ty.
with love and jus - tice, strive to make us free.

This musical system continues the hymn with a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign (two vertical lines). The lyrics continue below the staves, maintaining the same hyphenation style as the first system.

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

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$\text{♩} = 44$

1. May noth - ing e - vil cross this door,
 2. By faith made strong, the raft - ers will
 3. Peace shall walk soft - ly through these rooms,
 4. With laugh - ter drown the rau - cous shout,

and may ill for - tune nev - er
 with - stand the bat - tering of the
 touch - ing our lips with ho - ly
 and, though these shel - tering walls are

pry a - bout these win - dows; may the
 storm. This hearth, though all the world grow
 wine, till ev - 'ry cas - ual cor - ner
 thin, may they be strong to keep hate

roar and rain go by.
 chill, will keep you warm.
 blooms in - to a shrine.
 out and hold love in.

WE WILL NOT STOP SINGING

by the CHAPIN SISTERS



We will not stop sing - ing We will not stop sing - ing We will
march - ing march - ing
pray - ing pray - ing
shout - ing shout - ing

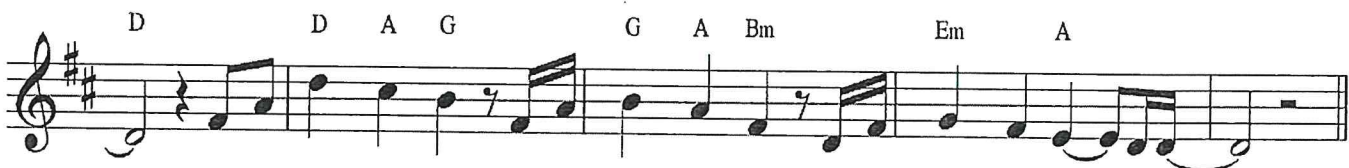


not stop sing - ing 'til the world can hear the song 'til the world can sing a-long
march - ing
pray - ing
shout - ing



Refrain

'til the world can sing 'til the world can sing 'til the world can sing_ a-long



— 'til the world can sing 'til the world can sing 'til the world can sing_ a long—

Sermon Rev. Emma Peterson
Wisdom Story Sean Hastings
Music Director Adam Podd
Announcements Garnett Losak, Director of Congregational Life

Our Lay Worship Leader is Bob Bero
Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Edwin Lord
Our Livestream Producer is Robin Bossert
Connections Table Host is Charlotte Hoogenboom

NOTES:

Mystical reading by Vaclav Havel

Reverend "Pastor" Emma Peterson serves the good folks at Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists (CVUU), in Cedar Falls, IA. A Vermont native with a Boston personality. She focuses on the margins, where she companions her congregation in their mission to draw the circle wide, and wider still. She works with Immigrant Rights groups throughout Iowa, provides training on direct action, advocacy, and mutual aid in connection to Trans rights, Disability justice, and Class Consciousness, while cultivating a space of spiritual exploration and Beloved Community at the CVUU. When she isn't ministering, Emma can be found practicing yoga, thrifting, and doing sociological research (binging reality television). She lives in Waterloo, Iowa with her partner Skylar and their familiars Fiona (dog) and Banana (cat).

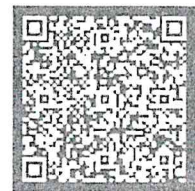
MUSIC NOTES:

Swimming to the Other Side will be performed by **Elena Karpoff** and **Sean Hastings**. Elena and Sean are regular members of the First U choir. They are both music teachers here in NYC, and they have an indie folk project together called Elk, My Deer (on instagram @elkmydeer)

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.
- **Grades K-5 / Sunday Funday!**
- **Grades 6-9 / Invited to attend worship**
- **Grades 10-12 / HS Youth Group / TBD**



PAGEANT REHEARSAL 12:30 in the Sanctuary

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!

All are welcome at fellowship in the undercroft, following the service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ ***Newcomers Orientation, Today, 12:45PM***

Join our Director of Congregational Life, Garnett Losak, for this introduction to Unitarian Universalist history and theology. We will meet in the library.

Looking Forward:

❖ ***Young Adult Brunch, Sunday, December 7th, following the service***

The first Sunday of each month, First U's Young Adult group gathers to have brunch together after the service. This month we will be going to Junior's Restaurant in Downtown Brooklyn. We will gather in the undercroft following the service and walk over together. We will have two big announcements during the brunch this month!

❖ ***Queer Community @ First U, Sunday December 7th, 12:45-2PM***

Please join us every first Sunday of the month after services/fellowship in the Francis White Room. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, to join, or to share an event please email queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org.

❖ ***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)

Share the Plate November: Food Bank of NYC



By addressing the root causes of hunger-generational poverty, high living costs, and economic inequality, The Food Bank of NYC empowers New Yorkers to break the cycle of food insecurity for future generations. Because every parent deserves to feel like a hero. Every child deserves to sleep full. And every family deserves the peace of knowing tomorrow will be better. Together, we're building a future where no child has to inherit hunger. www.foodbanknyc.org

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UniFair

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

What Time is It? It's UniFair Time!

UniFair 2025 is Saturday, December 6th. Today is the final Sunday sort. We are collecting donations of gently used and clean clothing, toys and games in good condition, jewelry, household items, and white elephants.

Please join us following fellowship for the ongoing Donation Sort. Early shopping is encouraged. Please bring your donations to the Undercroft. UniFair has raised close to half a million dollars for our congregation since it started more than 40 years ago. There are tasks for every ability. We need donation sorters, set-up and clean-up teams, bakers, and sellers. Click the QR Code to sign-up.



All Hands on Deck! UniFair Final Set-up Week Schedule. Donations accepted all week!

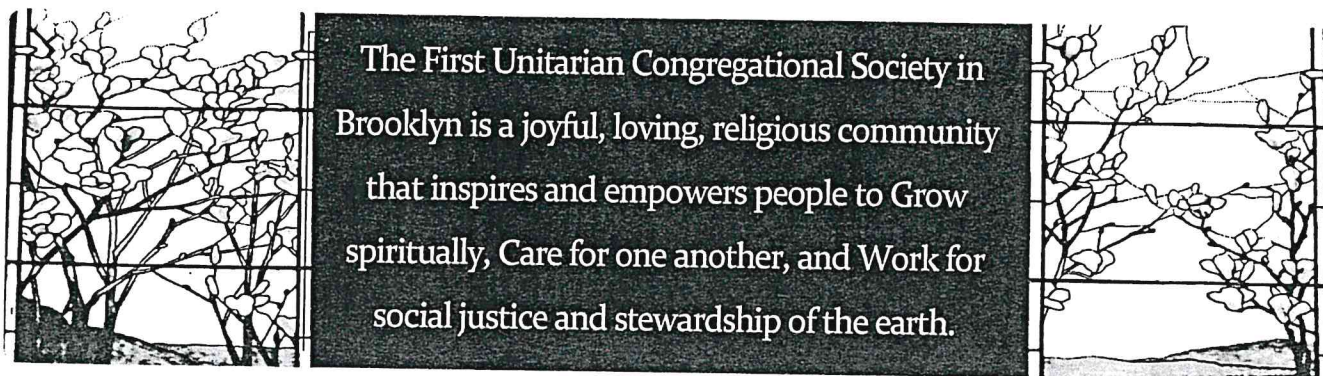
- Monday - Thursday, 6PM-9PM, Enter at 50 Monroe Place
- Friday, December 5th, 10AM - 9PM, Chapel entrance (121 Pierrepont)
- Wreath decorating - Thursday night and all-day on Friday

The UniFair bake table makes upwards of \$2,000 every year, but we can't sell what we don't have. Now is the time to pull out that holiday cookie, quick bread, or cake recipe. Baked goods can be delivered on Friday evening December 5th after 6PM, or anytime on UniFair Day. Contact Emily Levine (unifairbaketable@gmail.com) for more information.

Could You Be a Liver Donor?

Michele Ascione's brother is in need of a liver donor. If you are under the age of 60 and blood type A+, O+, or O-, you may be able to help. The risk is very low, and their family is willing to cover whatever cost necessary. Contact Michele (michele_ascione@hotmail.com) for more details.

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.



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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