

FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
BROOKLYN

A UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

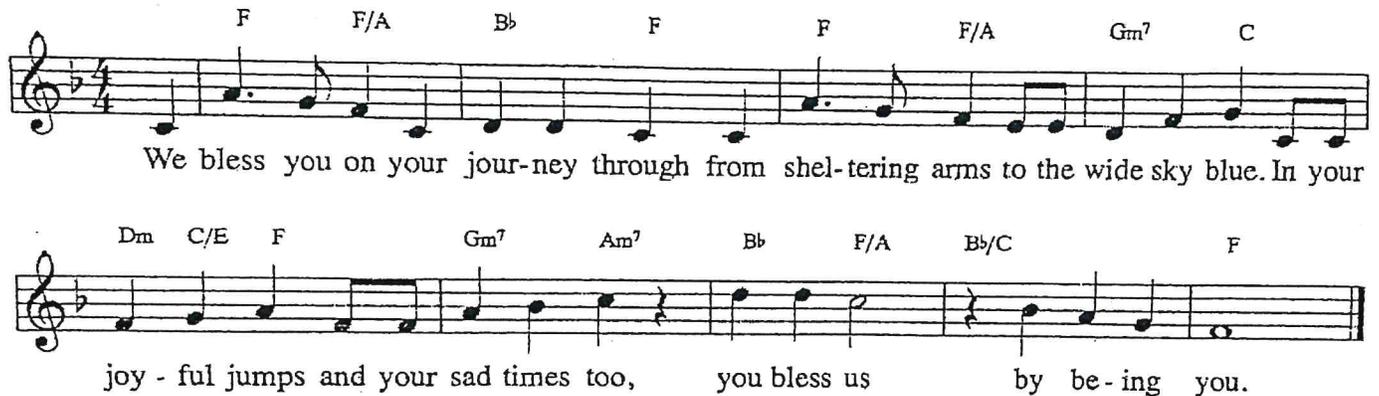
WHOEVER YOU ARE

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 notes.

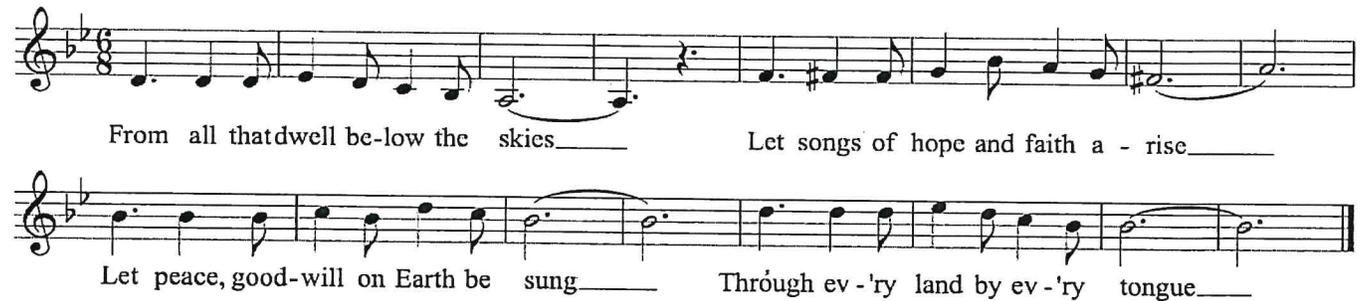
F F/A B \flat F F F/A Gm 7 C

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 F major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are split across two lines of music.

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.*

January 18, 2026

A Threat to Justice Anywhere...

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

♪ **Come, Come, Whoever You Are** (#188)

♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Wisdom Story** | *Just Ask* adapted from Sonia Sotomayor

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Candle Lighting

♪ *The Valley* by Jane Siberry

Sermon

♪ *Standing Stone* by Melanie DeMore

I will be your standing stone

I will stand by you

Connecting **Offering**

♪ *Let Me Believe* by Rebekka Goldsmith

Announcements

♪ **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** (#199)

Benediction

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

188

$\text{♩} = 56$

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②

Come, come, who - ev - er you are, wan - der - er,

③

wor - ship - er, lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van

④

of de - spair. Come, yet a - gain come.

Words: Adapt. from Rumi, 1207-1273

⊕ Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, 1963-

PILGRIMAGE
Irregular

199 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

$\text{♩} = 72$ Unison

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the
storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my
hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

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Inc. (Rightsong Music, Publisher), international copyright secured, all rights
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

1. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger
 2. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

near, when my life is al - most gone, hear my
 near, and the day is past and gone, at the

cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my
 riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Interim Minister Rev. Micah C. Ma
Wisdom Story Marci Lucia, RE Council
Music Director Adam Podd
Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr, Membership Coordinator
Our Lay Worship Leader is Bob Bero
Our Lay Pastoral Minister is ET Boyle
Our Livestream Producer is Robin Bossert
Our Online Host is Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister
Our Connections Table Host is Colleen Olson

NOTES:

Mystical reading by Audre Lorde

MUSIC NOTES:

Today's music is led by **Sophia Miller** and **Allie Lewis**
The Valley features **Candice Helfand-Rogers** and **Allie Lewis**

Today in Religious Education:

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

The children will exit the Sanctuary during the Children's Recessional and proceed directly to the McKinney Chapel. Pick up is at 12:30 from the classroom.

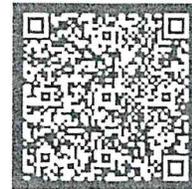
Grades K-5: Sunday Funday / McKinney Chapel

Grades 6-7: Building Bridges – Invited to attend Worship

Grades 8-9: Coming of Age – Boston!

Grades 10-12: HS Youth Group / Third Floor Teen Room

Registration is Open and Ongoing! Use the QR code to register your child today! Your child/children must be registered in order to participate in our programs.



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.

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

Notice of Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, February 22nd, 12:45 PM in the Sanctuary.

Documents, including the agenda, will be made available on our website, fuub.org, as they become available. All are invited. Only members of the congregation in good standing may vote. *Members must have signed the membership book at least 60 days before the meeting and completed a current year pledge form.* If you are unsure of your voting status, please contact Tyrone Davis, Jr. (tyrone@@firstubrooklyn.org)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **YAM monthly Spiritual Discussion on Today, 12:45 PM**

"Finding the Balance Between Productivity and Rest". In our society our perceived value is highly based on our level of productivity. If we aren't working hours upon hours, we are deemed "lazy". Yet, we all need plenty of rest before we can even begin to think about getting to work. Please join us in the library at 12:45 as we dig into this topic. Pizza will be provided!

Looking Forward:

❖ **2026 MLK Day of Service, Monday, January 19th, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM**

Tuff Art Media will screen the 35-minute film about closing Rikers "Closing the Last Penal Colony." Tuff Art Media Founder Edwin Santana will speak about the film after it screens. Lunch will be served, followed by a 1:15 – 2:30 PM training sponsored by the Immigrant Solidarity Committee/Social Justice Committee. Please reach out to the committee at socialjustice@firstubrooklyn.org for more details on that training. **We need volunteers!** We can't make this happen without help. Childcare will be provided. Sponsored by the First Unitarian Social Justice Committee. **We invite you to bring a pair of wooden spoons for a resistance dance we will all learn together!**

❖ ***The Secret Despair of the Secular Left.* Tuesday, January 20th, 8:00 PM.**

Have you read or are you reading Rev. Ana's most recent book? Would you like to meet with others in our congregation in a supportive space to talk about it? If so, please join Rev. Micah and Intern Minister Yvonne on Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8pm. Please RSVP to Yvonne (yvonne@firstubrooklyn.org) for the Zoom link, which she will send out on the 19th.

❖ ***Family & Friends Games Night, Saturday, January 24th, 5:30-8PM***

Bring your favorite board or card game to share, or just show up and play one of the many games we have on hand. Dinner will be served. Partners, friends, kids are all welcome! Suggested donation, \$10 – **NOTE:** Come early and help clean out the Sophia Fahs supply room. We'll be there from 10:00-5:00. You could go home with some fun craft materials! Questions: wendy@firstubrooklyn.org

❖ ***The Hundred Years' War on Palestine Sunday, January 25th, 2:00 PM***

We invite you to an afternoon talk with Professor Rashid Khalidi, an esteemed scholar, author, and historian of the Middle East, the Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies Emeritus at Columbia University, and author of *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*. He will discuss the region's history, the roots of the current crisis, and a path toward a sustainable future for Palestine.

Also featuring Rev. Meagan Henry of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, who will discuss her experiences from her most recent trip to Gaza. Scan the QR code for Ticket Information:



❖ ***The Social Justice Committee is still sponsoring a weekly food collection.***

We seek shelf-stable donations of food items in cans, plastic, or cartons—**no glass please**—that we'll bring to the community food pantry at our neighbor, First Presbyterian. Look for the donation basket in the narthex as you enter the church. Items of all kinds, including cereals, pasta, sauces, canned fruit and vegetables, Parmalat, and more, are very well received. Let's commit in 2026 to help feed our neighbors!

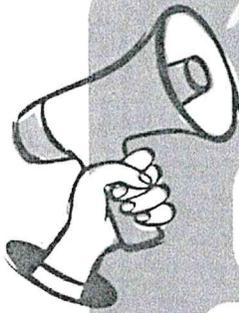
Share the Plate January: Undue Medical Debt



Undue Medical Debt is a national nonprofit whose purpose is to strengthen communities and families by erasing financially burdensome medical debt. Undue purchases medical debt from hospitals and clinics for pennies on the dollar and, instead of collecting the debt from individuals, forgives it. For instance, a donation of \$500 can erase \$50,000 in debt. The organization strives to be a moral force for systemic change to ensure a future where everyone can access

healthcare without hardship or fear.

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 19, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY,
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS
Welcome: 10:30-10:45
Lunch: 12:00-1:00

Prison Abolition 10:45 - 11:45 AM

35-minute film about Riker's Island "Closing the Last Penal Colony" & discussion with filmmaker from Tuff Art Media. Ages 15+

Immigrant Advocacy 1:15 - 2:30 PM

Immigrant Solidarity/Social Justice sponsored training—For details, ask a committee member or email socialjustice@firstubrooklyn.org.

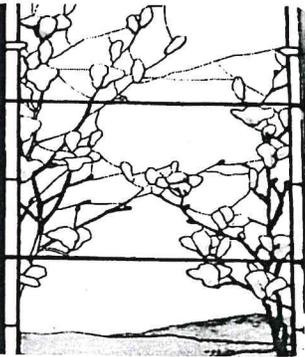


Lunch & Childcare provided!
Please volunteer to help with
cleanup/setup





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.



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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