

**FIRST UNITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY  
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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

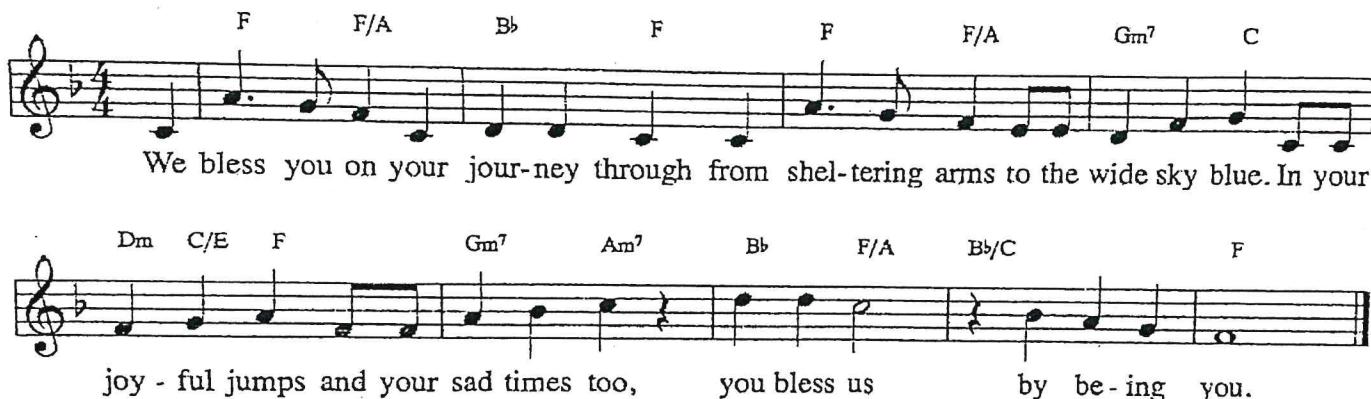
## WHOEVER YOU ARE

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

## SONG OF HOPE

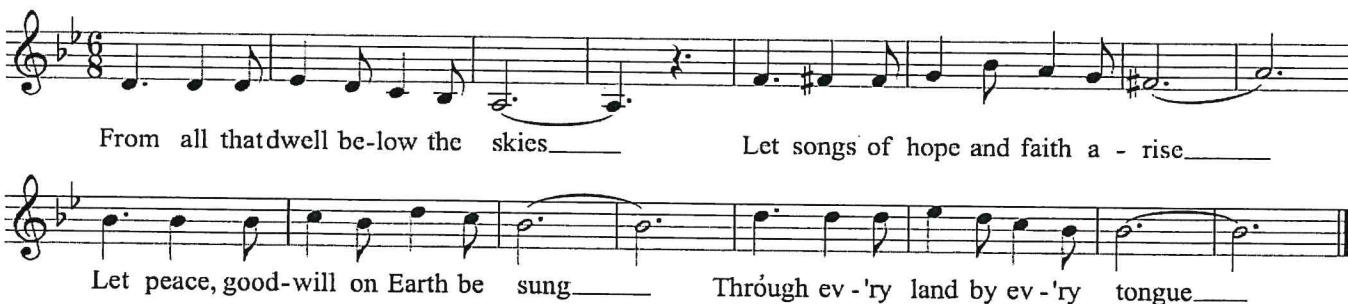
From all that dwell below the skies  
Let songs of hope and faith arise.  
Let peace, good will on earth be sung  
Through every land by every tongue.

## CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL



We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your  
joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be - ing you.

## SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



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.*

February 8, 2026

# Let My People Go

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

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Gathering ♪ Prelude | *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free* by Billy Taylor

- ♪ Come and Go with Me (#1018)
- ♪ 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

- ♪ *Go Down Moses* African-American Spiritual, arr. Adam Podd

Sermon

- ♪ Circle 'Round for Freedom (#155)

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Connecting Offering

- ♪ *Take Me to the Alley* by Gregory Porter

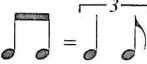
Announcements

- ♪ Hush (#1040)

Benediction

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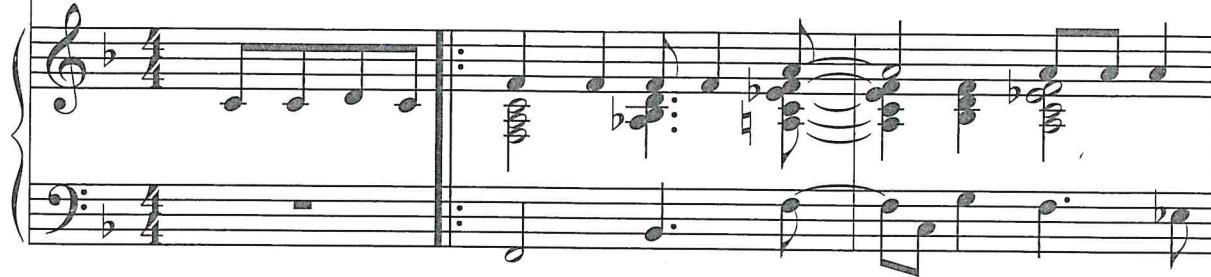
## Come and Go with Me

Easy swing  = 120

F B7 F7 F7/Eb



1. Come and go — with me to that land, — Come and go  
 free - dom in that land, — There'll be



Bb F/C Dm Dm/C G/B G7



G7 C C7 C7/Bb C6



— where I'm bound. — (where I'm bound) — Come and go  
 — where I'm bound. — (where I'm bound) — There'll be



*Come and Go with Me - 2*

Music score for "Come and Go with Me - 2" featuring three staves of music with lyrics and chords.

**Chords:**

- Top staff: F, FM7, F, F7, B♭
- Middle staff: F/C, F/A, B♭M7, Dm/C, F/C, C7
- Bottom staff: Am/C, C7, F, 1, 2, 3, C7, 4, F

**Lyrics:**

with me to that land, \_\_\_\_ Come and go with me to that  
free-dom in that land, \_\_\_\_ There'll be free-dom in that

land, \_\_\_\_ Come and go with me to that land  
land, \_\_\_\_ There'll be free - dom in that land

— where I'm bound. \_\_\_\_ 2. There'll be \_\_\_\_  
— where I'm bound. \_\_\_\_ 3. (There'll be) \_\_\_\_

3. There'll be justice in that land...  
4. There'll be singin' in that land...

## 155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

A musical score for "Circle 'Round for Freedom" featuring three staves of music and lyrics. The top staff is in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 72. The middle staff is also in treble clef, 4/4 time, labeled "Melody". The bottom staff is in bass clef, 2:4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Cir - cle 'round for free - dom, cir - cle 'round for peace, for  
Melody

Cir - cle 'round for free - dom, cir - cle 'round for peace, for

Cir - cle 'round for free - dom, cir - cle 'round for peace, for

all of us im - pris - oned, cir - cle for re - lease,

all of us im - pris - oned, cir - cle for re - lease,

all of us im - pris - oned, cir - cle for re - lease,

cir - cle for the plan - et, cir - cle for each soul, for the

cir - cle for the plan - et, cir - cle for each soul, for the

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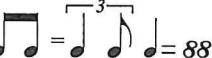
Three staves of musical notation in G clef, common time. The lyrics are:

chil - dren of our chil - dren, keep the cir - cle whole.

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## Hush

*Slow gospel groove*  = 88

A♭

A♭sus

A♭

A♭sus

1. Hush,  
2. Sounds  
3. Sounds

like  
free  
jus

hush,  
- dom,-  
- tice,-

A♭ A♭sus

A♭

C+

Fm

Fm(maj 7)

some-bo - dy's cal-lin' my \_ name.

Hush,  
Sounds  
Sounds

like  
like

Fm7 B♭9

hush,  
free - dom,-  
jus - tice,-

D♭M7

some-bo - dy's cal-lin' my name. \_\_\_\_\_

B♭/E♭

*Hush - 2*

$A^b$   $A^b$  sus  $A^b$   $A^b$  sus  $A^b$   $A^b$  sus

Hush,  
Sounds like hush,  
Sounds like free - dom, -  
like jus - tice, - some- bo - dy's cal-lin' my -

$A^b$   $C9$   $Fm$   $Fm7(b5)$   $B^b9$   $B^bm7/E^b$

name. Oh my Lord, - oh my - Lord, - what shall I - do?

$A^b$   $A^b$  sus  $A^b$   $E^b7(\#9)$   $A^bm9^6$

— What shall I — do? —

4. Soon one mornin', death come creepin' in my room . . .

**Worship Leader** Rev. Micah C. Ma

**Wisdom Story** Becky Huffman, Interim Religious Education Coordinator

**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 Jay Lawrence

**Our Connections Table Host** is Colleen Olson

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**NOTES:**

Mystical reading by James Cone

**MUSIC NOTES:**

**Welcome to Second Sunday Jazz Worship.** Each month, we bring you a jazz worship service featuring some of the best musicians in NYC, as well as our great choir. Every Sunday, but especially on Jazz Sundays, we invite you to take a moment to recognize the origins of the music that moves you here at First U. Much of it traces back to a Black tradition. We can best honor those traditions by listening with our hearts, responding with our bodies, and opening ourselves up to the depth of expression.

This monthly series is made possible entirely by your donations to the Julie McKinney Special Music Fund. Thanks so much to those who donate and have sustained our Second Sunday Jazz programming over the years. You can give at [fuub.org/musicfund](http://fuub.org/musicfund).

Today's musicians include: **Jason Prover**, trumpet / **Skye "Blue" Carranza**, sax & clarinet / **Peter Traunmueller**, drums / **Rob Jost**, bass / **Emily Gaggiano**, soloist (*Take Me to the Alley*)

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**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 before going to their classroom. 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: OWL** - 11:00-12:30, Frances White Room

**Grades 6-7: \*Building Bridges** - Third Floor Teen Room

**Grades 8-9: \*Coming of Age** - Attend Service

**Grades 10-12: HS Youth Group** - 12:30-1:30, Third Floor Teen Room



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

*\*Building Bridges and Coming of Age are subject to change*

*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](http://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](mailto:tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org))

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

❖ ***Newcomer Orientation, Today, 12:45 PM, Library***

Join our Membership Coordinator, Tyrone Davis, Jr., for this introduction to Unitarian Universalist theology and history.

❖ ***Men's Group, Today, 12:45-2:15 PM, Frances White Room***

Newcomers are welcome.

### **Looking Forward:**

❖ ***Chalice Circle, Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Zoom***

Remaining session dates are: February 23<sup>rd</sup> (no meeting Feb 16<sup>th</sup>), March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Join facilitator Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister, for this second series exploring our shared Unitarian Universalist theology. We will follow a covenant group model, starting with a chalice lighting, check-in, opening reading or video, and discussion questions.

Each member of the group will be given equal time to respond before moving to a more open discussion. We will practice listening deeply to each other as we explore the UU Values.

Limited to 10 people. ***Contact Yvonne ([yvonne@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:yvonne@firstubrooklyn.org)). The Zoom link will be sent to all those registered prior to our first meeting.***

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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.

❖ ***Wednesday Spiritual Discussion Group, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 PM.***

The topic will be Robert Frost, the Most Honest of Poets. We welcome new members to join us and to share their insights for our monthly discussions. Please contact Bob Bero at [robert.bero@gmail.com](mailto:robert.bero@gmail.com).

❖ ***First U Book Club, Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, on zoom, 7:00 pm.***

We are reading *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. We meet the second Thursday of each month. In March we are reading *The Wren, The Wren* by Anne Enright. Please contact Langdon Holloway ([l.a.holloway35@gmail.com](mailto:l.a.holloway35@gmail.com)) to receive the zoom link. All welcome.

❖ ***Friday Night Open Mic! Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 -9:00 PM, McKinney Chapel***

Bring your favorite song, poem, story, monologue, or comedy routine to share. We'll have an accompanist for singers (or for background music for a spoken piece if you choose). Refreshments will be available. Future dates are: Mar 20, Apr 24, May 8, Jun 12. For more info or to rsvp, contact Wendy Russell ([wendy@firstbrooklyn.org](mailto:wendy@firstbrooklyn.org)).

❖ ***First Unitarian Women's Retreat, March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026***

LAST CALL for interest in our First U March 20th-22nd retreat where we nourish ourselves and our community at the Stony Point Center in the Hudson Valley. The cost of the retreat is \$190 and covers food and lodgings. Scholarship support will be available. Please email the WLA board if you'd like to join us or would like to know more! [judithsdts@gmail.com](mailto:judithsdts@gmail.com).



**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 vestibule as you enter the church. Items of all kinds, including cereals, pasta, sauces, canned fruit and vegetables, Parmalat, and more, are very well received.

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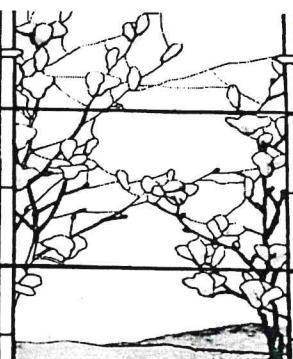
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**Share the Plate February: The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**



The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota enhances opportunities for immigrants and refugees through free immigration legal representation for low-income individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities.

**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.



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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