

**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.

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.*

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

We bless you on your journey through from sheltering 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

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Let peace, good-will on Earth be sung, Through ev -'ry land by ev -'ry tongue.

February 22, 2026

Celebration as Resistance

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

- ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (#126)
- ♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)
- Chalice Lighting** (inside cover)
- ♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening Wisdom Story

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Candle Lighting

- ♪ *Joy Comes Back* by Ruthie Foster
 - Sermon**
 - ♪ **Love Will Guide Us** (#131)
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Connecting Offering

- ♪ *Come On Up to the House* by Tom Waits

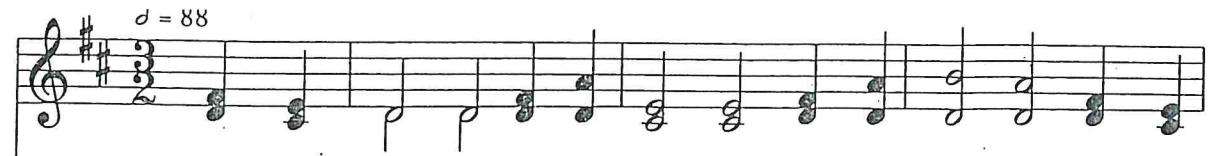
Announcements

- ♪ **This Joy**

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (x3)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

Benediction

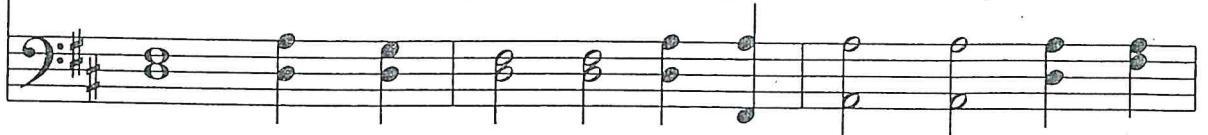
Come,
Thou
Fount
of Every
Blessing



1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune our hearts to sing thy
 2. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry vis-ion, lift our eyes to what may
 3. Come, thou fount of in-spi-ra-tion, turn our lives to high-er



grace. Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, call for
 come. See the li-on and the young lamb dwell to-
 ways. Lift our gloom and des-per-a-tion, show the



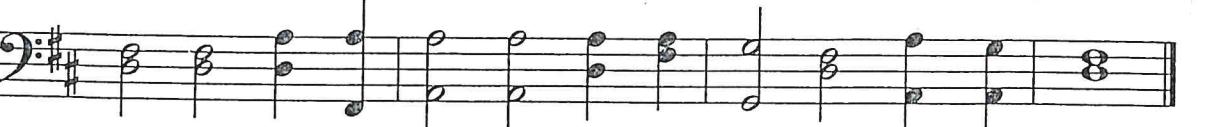
songs of loud-est praise. While the hope of life's per-
 geth-er in thy home. Hear the cries of war fall
 prom-ise of this day. Help us bind our-selves in



fec-tion fills our hearts with joy and love, teach us
 si-lent, feel our love glow like the sun. When we
 un-ion, help our hands tell of our love. With thine



ev-er to be faith-ful, may we still thy good-ness prove.
 all serve one an-oth-er, then our hea-ven is be-gun.
 aid, O fount of jus-tice, earth be fair as heav'n a-bove.



Love Will
Guide Us

1. Love will guide us,
2. If you can - not
3. Love will guide us,

peace has tried us,
sing like an - gels,
peace has tried us,

hope in-
if you
hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
give from deep with - in you. You can
road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

guide us through the hard night.
change the world with your love.
guide us through the hard night.

The musical score consists of six staves of handwritten musical notation. The first staff is in G major, 8th note time, with lyrics for the first three lines. The second staff begins in G major, 12th note time, with lyrics for the last three lines. The third staff begins in G major, 16th note time, with lyrics for the first three lines. The fourth staff begins in G major, 12th note time, with lyrics for the last three lines. The fifth staff begins in G major, 8th note time, with lyrics for the first three lines. The sixth staff begins in G major, 12th note time, with lyrics for the last three lines. The notation includes various note heads and stems, with some notes grouped by vertical lines.

Worship Leader Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister

Wisdom Story Sean Hastings

Music Director Adam Podd

Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Our Lay Worship Leader & is Mason Gunn

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is ET Boyle

Our Connections Table Host is Barbara Bornmann

NOTES:

Mystical reading by Sojourner Truth

MUSIC NOTES:

Joy Comes Back features Brandon Hornsby-Selvin and Candice Helfand-Rogers

Come On Up to the House features Yuri Weber, Dawn Elane Reed, and Daniel Walters

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 - Off-site visit

Grades 8-9: *Coming of Age - Prepare Lunch, Kitchen

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



*** Building Bridges and Coming of Age subject to last minute changes**

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.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ *Coming of Age Lunch Fundraiser, Today, following worship.*

Come by and grab some lunch with your coffee. You'll support the Coming of Age kids and will be nourished for the congregational meeting!

❖ *Congregational Meeting, Today, 12:45 PM in the Sanctuary.*

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.* Please stop in the vestibule to check in and pick up your voting card. If you are unsure of your voting status, please contact Tyrone Davis, Jr. (tyrone@firstbrooklyn.org)

Looking Forward:

❖ *The Men's Group will meet on Monday, February 23rd from 6:30-8:30*

in The Library for casual conversation and fellowship. Newcomers are welcome.

❖ *Chalice Circle, Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Zoom*

Remaining session dates are: March 2nd, 9th, 16th

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. yvonne@firstbrooklyn.org.

❖ *First U Family Game Night, Saturday, February 28th, 5:00-8:00 PM*

Fun, Food, & Fellowship. We're serving pizza! Please bring a dessert or beverage to share. Bring a favorite game or play one of the many games we have, or just sit back and enjoy the goings-on! Undercroft.

❖ *Is Nuclear Power New York's Future?, Sunday, March 1st, 1:PM In the Chapel*

Governor Hochul's proposal to expand nuclear energy is stirring debate across the state. Join the Green Team for a lively panel discussion and hear diverse perspectives from climate, energy, and community leaders. Come learn, ask questions, and be part of the conversation shaping New York's energy future. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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

Retreat Payment Due: Thanks to everyone who braved the freezing weather and made our brunch last Saturday so successful. It's now time to claim your spot at our March retreat with your payment of \$190. It should be made on our First U digital payment site; you can use the QR code to access the site. Please remember to note that it's for the retreat. Need more information? Email Judithsdts@gmail.com.



❖ ***The Hundred Years' War on Palestine Sunday, March 29th, 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. Ticket Information: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/the-hundred-years-war-on-palestine>

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.

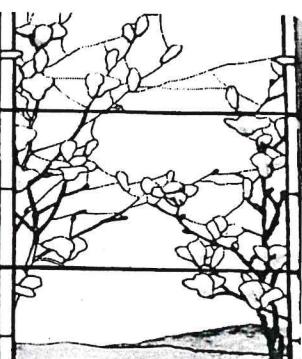
Share the Plate February: The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota



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.

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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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