

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 RECESSONAL

Musical notation for "CHILDREN'S RECESSONAL" in 4/4 time, key of F major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, C. The lyrics are: "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." The second line of music starts with chords: Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F. The lyrics continue: "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 Bb major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "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." The notation includes slurs and ties to indicate phrasing.

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.*

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday: Prophets Who Come of Simple Folk

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

Gathering ♪ **Prelude** | *Morning Mood* by Edvard Grieg

♪ *I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart* by Moses Hogan

♪ **Processional** | *Aleluya* (Traditional South African)

♪ **Hosanna in the Highest** (#262)

text by First Unitarian beloved former minister, Rev. John Howland Lathrop

♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

♪ *Love is Little* Shaker song / arr. Kevin Siegfried

Testimonial

Deepening **Wisdom Story** | *Jesus and the Palms*

Children's Blessing & Recessional

♪ **Two Songs by Florence Price**

Spring

Sympathy words by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Candle Lighting | *And When I Rise* text: Wendell Berry / ad. Wendy Tuck
music: Wendy Tuck / arr. Peter Amidon

♪ *I Sit Before Flowers* text: Shane Koyczan / music Emile Deedes-Vicke

Homily

Connecting **Offering**

♪ *Guide My Feet* | Negro Spiritual / arr. Adam & Matt Podd

Announcements

♪ **When in Our Music** (#36)

Benediction

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When Jesus Wept

♩ = 84

When Je - sus wept, the fall - ing tear in
 mer - cy flowed be - yond all bound. When
 Je - sus groaned, a trem - bling fear seized
 all the guilt - y world a - round.

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a circled '1' and ends with a circled '2'. The second staff begins with a circled '3' and ends with a circled '4'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Words & music: William Billings, 1746-1800

WHEN JESUS WEPT
L.M.

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Hosanna in the Highest

♩ = 120

1. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Our ea - ger hearts ac -
 2. Long a - ges dim the mes - sage, and cus - tom has suf -
 3. O first of man - y proph - ets who come of sim - ple

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of two staves of music: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Words: John Howland Lathrop, 1880-1967
 Music: X.L. Hartig's *Vollständige Sammlung*, c. 1833ELLACOMBE
7.6.7.6.D.

- claim the proph - et of the king - dom, who
- ficed for mer - chants and for princ - es to
folk to free us from our bond - age, to

bears Mes - si - ah's name. O bold, O fool - ish
bow, and own him Christ. But when an - oth - er
break op - pres - sion's yoke: re - store our minds to

peas - ants, to deem that he should reign! The
spir - it a - ris - es from the plain, the
wis - dom, make known the life, the way that

tem - ple and the pal - ace look down in high dis - dain.
courts of pow - er trem - ble, and cru - ci - fy a - gain.
leads through love and jus - tice un - to the peace - crowned day.

Love is little, Love is low, Love will make our spirit grow
Grow in peace, grow in light, Love will do the thing that's right

And when I rise, let me rise like a bird, joyfully
And when I fall, let me fall like a leaf, gracefully, without regret.

I sit before flowers hoping they will train me in the art of opening up. I stand on
mountain tops believing
that avalanches will teach me to let go. I know nothing but I am here to learn.

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.
Hold my hand while I run this race...
I'm your child while I run this race...
I'm so glad trouble don't last always...

Spring (Florence Price)

There are promise and pleasure and hope in the spring,
That beckon and reckon the future, I know.
The bud and the bee, swaying low on the lea;
The dove coming late to his nesting mate.
In a dream of ecstasy.

There are laughter and magic and joy in the spring,
That capture, enrapture my heart, I know.
A lilt on the breeze, that is toss'd by the trees,
Which doth for me weave like a thrush at eve
A song of ecstasy.

Ah! There are madness and gladness and nothing of sadness.
That will me and thrill me and fill me, I know.
Life and its weal are to give and to feel
The soul that can ache, the heart that can break
With a pain of ecstasy.

Sympathy (Paul Laurence Dunbar)

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!

When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,
And the river flows like a stream of glass;

When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals—
I know what the caged bird feels!

I know why the caged bird beats his wing

Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;

And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars
And they pulse again with a keener sting—
I know why he beats his wing!

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,

When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,—
When he beats his bars and he would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee,

But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings—
I know why the caged bird sings!



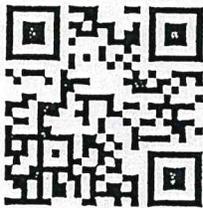
The Julie McKinney Music Fund

The Julie McKinney Music Fund was established in 1992 to honor the wife of our late Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Donald W. McKinney. Julie was a music lover and longtime choir member. Contributions to this fund help to maintain a high quality of special music including on Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, and Second Sunday Jazz.

We urge you to contribute to keep our program alive and healthy. Checks written to First Unitarian and marked "JMF" in the memo line may be sent to the church office (48 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, 11201) or placed in the Sunday offering plate. Contributions may also be made on-line at www.fuub.org.

Select the Julie McKinney Fund option or use the QR Code.

Gifts in honor of a loved one are welcome.



Patron: \$1,000 and over

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Donor: \$100-\$249

Contributor: Up to \$99

Name(s) as you would like it to appear in the program:

In honor/memory of _____

Amount of contribution: \$ _____

When in Our Music

♩ = 126

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue,
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways

1.-3. Al - le - lu - ia! 4. Al - le - lu - ia!

Interim Minister Rev. Micah C. Ma

Wisdom Story Becky Huffman, Interim Religious Education Coordinator

Music Director Adam Podd

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Beth Zehe

Our Livestream Producer is Robin Bossert

Our Online Host is Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister

Our Welcome Table Board Host is Barbara Bornmann

NOTES:

Mystical reading from the Book of Matthew, Chapter 21

MUSIC NOTES:

Welcome to our annual Palm Sunday Special Music service, made possible by your generous support of the Julie McKinney Special Music Fund. Today's music explores humble beginnings and unexpected sources of wisdom, asking where truth is found and inviting us to recognize it in our elders, in nature, in our children, in voices rising from the margins, in the sacred, and within our own intuition.

Additional conducting, **Sophia Miller** and **Kiena Williams**

Skye Hamilton-Carranza, woodwinds / **Giuliana Sarullo**, flute

Julie Tramontana, French horn / **Nathan Ellman-Bell**, drums

Kiena Williams, soloist (*Spring*) **Brandon Hornsby-Selvin**, soloist (*Sympathy*)

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.

Grades K-3: Spring Festival!

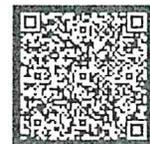
The children will exit the Sanctuary during the Children's Recessional and proceed directly to the McKinney Chapel. Pick up at 12:30.

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 - Invited to attend Service

Grades 10-12: HS Youth Group - Off-Site Bake Sale



** 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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **The Hundred Years' War on Palestine Today, 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 the West Bank. Tickets at the door.

Looking Forward:

❖ **GOOD FRIDAY COMMEMORATIVE COMMUNION VESPERS SERVICE April 3rd, 5:00 PM:**

Rev. Micah Ma Preaching: *The Darkness Before Entering the Tomb*

Special music by Music Director Adam Podd and the First Unitarian Choir

This contemplative service commemorates the suffering in our world and recognizes all those who work to alleviate it.

❖ **Join Rev. Micah for Qingming on Sunday, April 5th!**

Qingming, a Chinese holiday honoring our ancestors, is on April 5 this year! All are welcome to join Rev. Micah for an excursion to Green-Wood Cemetery on Sunday, April 5, where we will burn offerings and visit the First U plot. Bring your own picnic lunch to go and meet on the Sanctuary steps at 1:30 so that we can all ride together.

Stewardship Campaign Update: Lighting Our Fire



Sunday, April 5th will be our big pledge reveal day at First U! Let's all aim to pledge together online by April 4th (or in-person on the morning of the 5th) to build our fire brighter. Before the service on April 5th, the Stewardship Chair will be available to check you in and give you a 'flame' to add to the Chalice at the front.

Together we can build up our Hearth and bring more light to each other and the world. Questions? Reach out to stewardshipteam@firstubrooklyn.org

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.

Ministerial Search: Help Shape the Future of First U!

First U is officially beginning its search for our next Senior Minister. We are looking for dedicated members to form the Ministerial Search Committee. This is a rare, rewarding opportunity to have a significant long-lasting impact on the life of our congregation.

Commitment: This is a year-long commitment requiring steady work (August 2026 – May 2027). You can read more about what the search committee entails here: <https://tinyurl.com/ff8p4wpw>

Nominate: If you would like to nominate another member of First U for consideration, please email NomCom2026@firstubrooklyn.org with their name and a short explanation of why you think they'd make a great committee member.

Questions?: Contact one of the members of the Special Nominating Committee: Michael Alcott, Octavia Findley, Patrick Gunn, Rita Pearl, or Rachel Stark - or send an email to NomCom2026@firstubrooklyn.org.

Apply: If you are interested in serving, please apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/mv3nkpjx>. Or use the QR code.

The Deadline to apply is April 10th!



Call for potential Trustees

Are you looking to bring your talents to bear in healing a hurting world? The Leadership Development Committee is now looking for members in good standing to join our Board of Trustees starting in the next fiscal year. As a Trustee, you would have the opportunity to participate in high level discussions with our paid professional staff and fellow trustees on important business matters that concern the congregation. The Board establishes policies that set the direction of the congregation, prepares the annual budget and hires senior staff. The term of service is three years. Trustees are expected to

- keep abreast of congregation activities and programs
- attend monthly, in person Board meetings
- attend congregational meetings whenever possible and
- participate fully in congregational life.

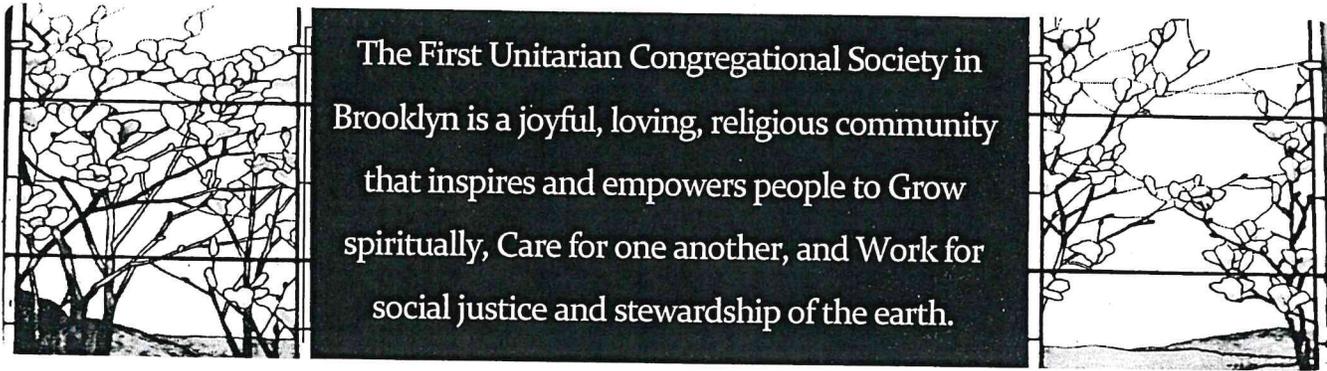
If you would like to explore this honor for yourself, or have a member in mind that you'd like to raise up, please let Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator, know - tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org. Questions? Email them to Judith Sedaitis, Chair of our LDC - judithsdts@gmail.com.

Share the Plate March: The First U High School Youth Group



This collection fundraises for the youth group service trip to McDowell County, West Virginia, where they do construction work and other community services through Big Creek People in Action, in an attempt to help one of the most impoverished counties in the nation and to meet people from backgrounds that are incredibly different from their own.

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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