

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

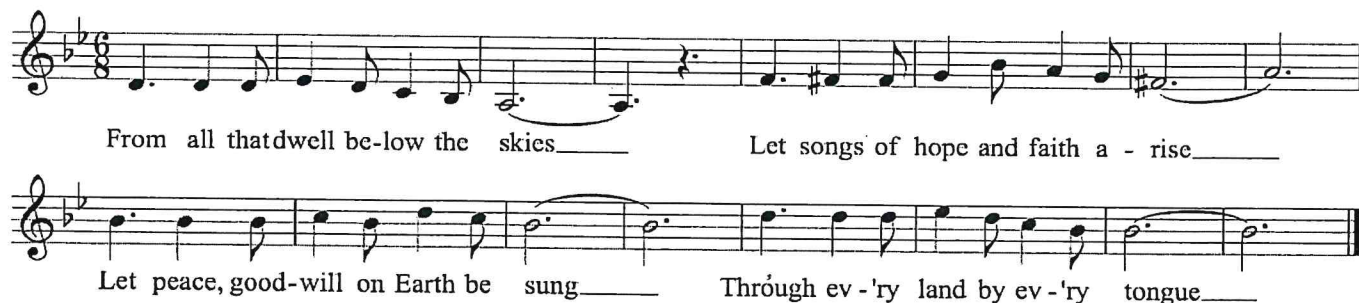
From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise.
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

CHILDREN'S RECESSONAL



Musical notation for "CHILDREN'S RECESSONAL" in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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." Chords are indicated above the staff: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, C, Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F.

SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



Musical notation for "SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY" in 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 _____".

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.*

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday: Preparing for Joy!

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

Gathering ♪ **Prelude | Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho** Trad. Spiritual / arr. Adam Podd

 ♪ **Joy in the Morning** (insert)

 ♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

 ♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Testimonial

Deepening **Wisdom Story | *The Phoenix***

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

 ♪ ***Light of a Clear Blue Morning*** by Dolly Parton / arr. Adam Podd

Reflection

Fire Communion

 ♪ **Filled with Loving Kindness (#1031)**

Connecting **Offering**

 ♪ ***All Around*** by Israel Houghton

Announcements

 ♪ **Be Open** by Debbie Nargi Brown

Benediction

Postlude | *Hallelujah Chorus* by G.F. Handel / arr. Adam Podd

JOY IN THE MORNING

by ADAM PODD

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

We'll find joy in the mor-nin'
 We find hope in our chil-dren
 We find strength in each-oth-er
 There is love all a-round us

Joy in the mor-nin'
 Hope in our chil-dren
 Strength in each-oth-er
 Love all a-round us

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are repeated for a second part of the song.

Joy in the mor-nin' joy.
 Hope in our chil-dren hope
 Strength in each-oth-er strength
 Love all a-round us there is love.

In the mor-nin'
 In our chil-dren
 In each-oth-er
 All a-round us

Filled with Loving Kindness 1031

♩ = 88

Dm Dm/A Am/C Dm C7 Dm C B♭ Am7

*May I be filled _____ with lov-ing kind-ness. May I be

Dm Dm/A Am/C Dm C7 Dm

well. _____ May I be filled _____ with lov-ing kind-ness.

C B♭ Am7 Am B♭/F Am B♭

May I be well. _____ May I be peace - ful and at

Dm C B♭M7 Am Dm

ease. May I be whole.

*Note: Second time: Replace each "I" with "you."
Third time: Replace each "I" with "we."



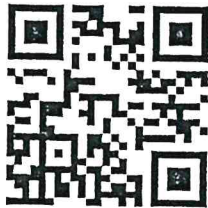
The Julie McKinney Music Fund

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

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

In honor/memory of _____

Amount of contribution: \$ _____

Interim Minister 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 Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Michelle Kuchuk

Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence

Our Welcome Table Hosts are Colleen Olson & Mark Weiss

NOTES:

Mystical reading by Rumi

MUSIC NOTES:

Happy Easter!

Today we continue our tradition of celebrating Easter Sunday with joyful jazz and gospel music!

The next of our monthly Second-Sunday Jazz services will be May 10th. These services are sustained entirely by contributions to the McKinney Fund by members and friends of First Unitarian. Please consider donating. (See insert) or donate online at fuub.org/musicfund.

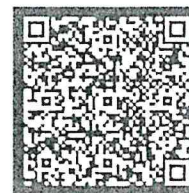
Today's band is: **Jason Prover**, trumpet / **Nick Myers**, tenor saxophone / **Skye "Blue" Carranza**, alto saxophone / **Marty Kenney**, bass / **Nathan Ellman-Bell**, drums / **Adam Podd**, piano & music director

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-12: All Ages 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

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ *Today, following service, the Youth Group will have representatives in the undercroft to take pledges for their upcoming Walk-a-thon on 4/12. Hope to see you there. And thank you for your support in advance.*

❖ *Queer Community, Today, 12:45-2:15 in the Frances White Room.*

Discussion Topic: Please come ready to brainstorm fun and festive ideas for our Pride Celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 7. If you identify as queer, please join us. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, to join, or to share an event, please email: queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org

❖ *Join Rev. Micah for Qingming Today!*

Qingming, a Chinese holiday honoring our ancestors, is today! All are welcome to join Rev. Micah for an excursion to Green-Wood Cemetery, 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 1:00 so that we can all ride together.

Looking Forward:

❖ *Wednesday, April 8th, 1:00 PM. The Wednesday Spiritual Discussion Group*

will meeting virtually with Rev Micah next week, April 8th, at 1:00 until 2:30. The topic will be, "Death and Life: stepping forward into old age". All are welcome! If interested contact Bob Bero at robert.bero@gmail.com.

❖ *Book Club: We will meet Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 PM on zoom.*

We are reading Afterlife by Julia Alvarez. Please email Langdon Holloway at l.a.holloway35@gmail.com for the zoom link. All welcome. May 12th: Evans, Virginia: The Correspondent.

❖ *Memorial Service for Nancy Witherell: Saturday, April 25th, 11:00 AM*

On March 14, Nancy Witherell, a beloved member of First Unitarian since 1989, passed away peacefully at home. All are invited to a celebration of her life at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25 in the Sanctuary or by Zoom, followed by a reception. Please RSVP at bit.ly/4s7noMb. The Zoom link will be sent to people who RSVP that they will attend by Zoom.

❖ *Immigrant Solidarity Vigils - First U folks are invited to join two weekly immigrant solidarity vigils:*

- *Tuesdays, 6-7 PM*, 29th Street and 3rd Avenue next to the Metropolitan Detention Center where immigrants are taken by ICE. This Vigil for Democracy is organized by Indivisible Brooklyn.
- *Saturdays, Noon-1 PM*, 44th Street and 5th Avenue. This Vigil for Justice and Peace is organized by Sunset Park Neighbors.

For more information contact Lee Pardee, leepardee54@gmail.com.

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/ff8p4wpx>

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. **Deadline to apply is April 10th!**

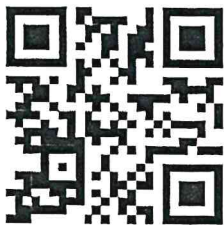
Call for potential Trustees

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 email Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator, - tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org. Questions? Email Judith Sedaitis, Chair of our LDC - judithsdts@gmail.com.

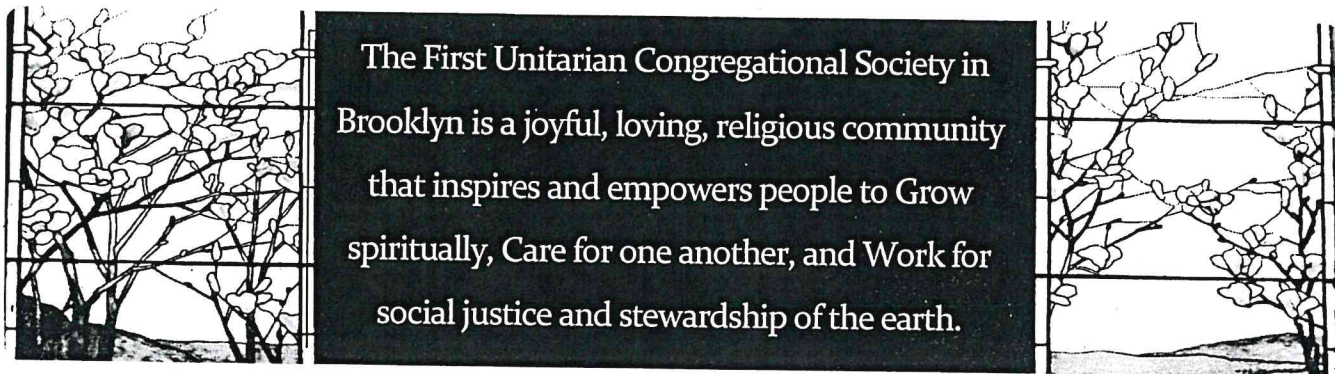
Share the Plate April: NYC Books Through Bars



NYC Books Through Bars is a volunteer-run group that sends free, donated books to incarcerated people across the nation.

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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