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CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY  
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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

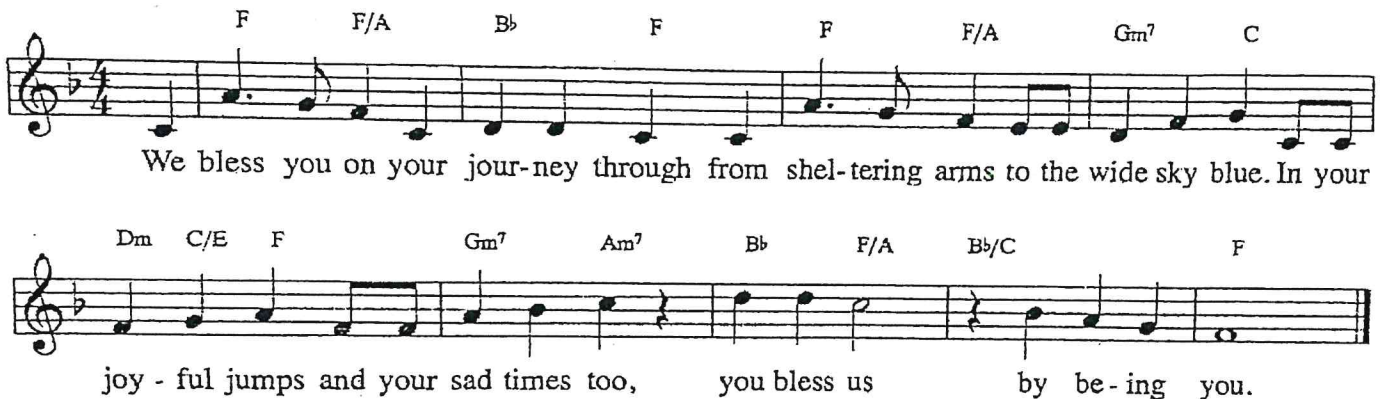
## WHOEVER YOU ARE

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

## SONG OF HOPE

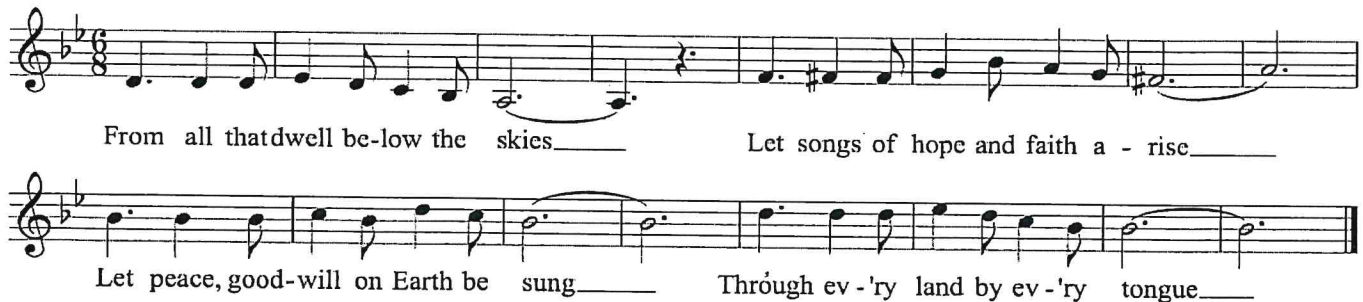
From all that dwell below the skies  
Let songs of hope and faith arise.  
Let peace, good will on earth be sung  
Through every land by every tongue.

## CHILDREN'S RECESSONAL



Musical notation for the Children's Recessional. The first line of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above the staff are: 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 is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chords above the staff are: Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F. The lyrics are: "joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be - ing you."

## SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



Musical notation for the Song of Hope for Jazz Sunday. The first line of music is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "From all that dwell be-low the skies\_\_\_\_\_ Let songs of hope and faith a - rise\_\_\_\_\_". The second line of music is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "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.*

May 3, 2026

## Eight Grandmothers

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

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### 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.*

**♪ Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

**Chalice Lighting** (inside cover)

**♪ Song of Hope** (inside cover)

**Greeting**

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### Deepening **Wisdom Story** *Introducing Some Friends*

**Children's Blessing & Recessional**

**Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer**

**Candle Lighting**

**♪ Rising Green** by Carolyn McDade / arr. Adam Podd

**Homily I**

**♪ Keep On Moving Forward** by Emma's Revolution

Gonna keep on moving forward

Keep on moving forward

Keep on moving forward

Never turning back, never turning back

**Homily II**

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### Connecting **Offering**

**♪ Wildflowers and Barley** by Hozier

**Announcements**

**♪ We Shall Be Known** by Mamuse (insert)

**Benediction**

*We Shall Be Known* by Mamuse

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
the seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive

In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love.  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love.

**Our Worship Leader** is Octavia Findley  
**Our Worship Associate** is Rev. Micah C. Ma  
**Music Director** Adam Podd  
**Wisdom Story** Becky Huffman, Kids, and Green Team  
**Announcements** Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator  
**Our Lay Pastoral Minister** is Daniel Walters  
**Our Livestream Producer** is Justin Parkinson  
**Our Online Host** is Yvonne Garrett  
**Our Welcome Table Hosts** are Caroline Ghigliotty and Marci Lucia, Board Trustee

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**NOTES:**

Today we celebrate Beltane, midway between the spring equinox and summer solstice, historically observed in Ireland and Scotland.

**MUSIC NOTES:**

*Wildflower and Barley* features First U choir members Caleb Conaway & Allie Lewis  
*Rising Green* features First U choir members Mads Middleton and Brandon Hornsby-Selvin

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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 go to the chapel during the children's recessional, after the wisdom story. We will have an extended music session with Bert to practice for next week's performance. Then the teachers will bring them to their class. Pick up at 12:30 from the classroom.*

**Grades K-1 *Love Surrounds Us*, Eastman Room**  
**Grades 2-3 *Moral Tales*, Green Room**  
**Grades 4-5 *Toolbox of Faith*, Frances White Room**  
**Grades 6-7 *Building Bridges*\*\* , Third Floor Teen Room**  
**Grades 8-9 *Coming of Age*\*\* 11:00-12:30, Library**  
**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 subject to last minute changes***

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

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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.

## Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Society,

May 17th, 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 congregation members in good standing may vote.

**Members must have signed the membership book at least 60 days before the meeting, completed a current year pledge form, and made a payment toward that pledge.**

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:

#### ❖ **Newcomers Orientation, Today, 12:45PM**

All are welcome to join Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator, for this introduction to Unitarian Universalist history and theology. We will meet in the library.

#### ❖ **Queer Community, Today, 12:24-2:15 in the Frances White Room.**

**Pizza & Pride Planning.** Please join us for a slice (or 2) as we continue our fun and exciting plans for June Pride. It's a busy month with several events. We encourage everyone to volunteer in any way you are able. Your help would be greatly appreciated. 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](mailto:queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org)

#### ❖ **Postcard Writing, Today, 12:45, McKinney Chapel**

Let's make a difference in the 2026 midterms! Join our group postcard writing session to lay the groundwork by educating voters about the Trump administration's harmful policies. We'll reach 200 swing state voters with messages proven to help increase turnout and blue votes come November.

#### ❖ **Religious Education Pierrepont Park Playdate, Today, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Postponed from last week...Grab your coffee and meet at the 50 Monroe Entrance at 12:45. We'll walk together to the Pierrepont Playground.

#### ❖ **Qingming at Green-Wood Cemetery, Today, 1:00 PM**

Grab a picnic lunch to go (and some food offerings, if desired) and meet on the Sanctuary steps at 1:00 PM. Wear walking shoes. We will burn offerings (including from last fall's ancestors service) and picnic among the gravestones at First U's cemetery plot. Contact Rev. Micah if you have any questions, [micah@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:micah@firstubrooklyn.org). **Poetry of Devotion and Doubt will join Rev. Micah and other congregants at Greenwood Cemetery for the Qingming ceremony and tour of UU gravesites.** All are free to join us afterwards for our poetry discussion. Wm. Epes will guide us through three poems ideal for the group's theme and the setting:

Whitman: Harjo: Oliver:



Walt Whitman's "The Death and Burial of McDonald"

Jo Harjo's "Walk"

Mary Oliver's "The First Time Percy Came Back"

## **Looking Forward:**

### **❖ Friday Night Open Mic! Friday, May 8th, 6:30 - 9:00 PM, McKinney Chapel**

Bring your favorite song, poem, story, monologue, or comedy routine to share. The final Open Mic of the program year will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. For more info or to rsvp, contact Wendy Russell [wendy@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:wendy@firstubrooklyn.org).

**❖ Immigrant Solidarity Vigils - First U folks are invited to join two weekly immigrant solidarity vigils:** Tuesdays, 6-7 PM, 29th St & 3rd Ave / Saturdays, Noon-1 PM, 44th St & 5th Ave. This Vigil for Justice and Peace is organized by Sunset Park Neighbors. For more information contact Lee Pardee, [leepardee54@gmail.com](mailto:leepardee54@gmail.com).

**❖ Are you ready to dive deeper into our vibrant community? Join us for our next Pathways course, Pathways: Deepening Your Relationship to First Unitarian, on Saturday, June 6th, 10am-3pm, with lunch provided!** In this fun, 5-hour class led by our Tyrone Davis, Jr., we'll explore membership and ponder the true meaning of community -- with guest appearances by Rev. Micah, staff, and a few lay leaders. Together, we'll honor our unique spiritual journeys and celebrate the interconnected web that binds our faith community. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with us! If you'd like to register or have any questions, contact Tyrone at [tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org). Registration is limited. All are welcome -- new members, seasoned members, and the discerning!

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### **Yvonne Garrett, our intern minister, is being ordained at First U Brooklyn on June 6!**

Help show Yvonne our love and support this event by making a secure, tax-deductible donation on Zeffy. Visit this link <https://tinyurl.com/YvonneGOrdination> or use this QR code. Thank you, from Yvonne's Internship Committee: Beth Evans, chair, Allison McCluer, Lexi Perlmutter, Cindy Reynolds, Jay Sheth.



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### **Spring Auction - Every year the congregation looks forward to our Spring Auction, but we have not yet had someone volunteer to organize it.**

The board is hoping to find one or two people to be able to lead on this. It's a great opportunity to get creative, and potentially even re-imagine how our auction works! Any interested members, please email [board@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:board@firstubrooklyn.org)

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### **Join the Summer Worship Coordination Committee**

Spring has just begun, but that hasn't stopped some of us from thinking about the summer. Our senior minister takes a well-deserved break from leading our services for part of June, July and August. In their place members of the congregation step up to the pulpit and become our lay worship leaders for Sunday services. If you are interested in helping to ensure that summer services are a smoothly run and welcoming experience, please contact Judith Sedaitis - [judithsdts@gmail.com](mailto:judithsdts@gmail.com).

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### **Share the Plate May: The Trinity Immigration and Citizenship Team Clinic (TICT Clinic)**

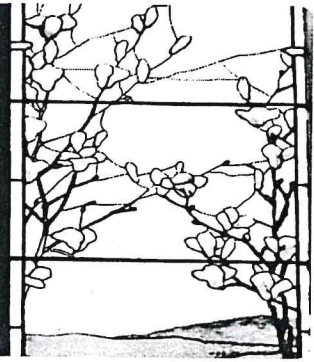


Trinity Lutheran Church of Staten Island sponsors the Trinity Immigration and Citizenship Team Clinic (TICT Clinic) which provides no-cost legal services to our immigrant neighbors. The Unitarian Church of Staten Island is a proud partner.

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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BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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