

FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
BRⓄKLYN
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 single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Chords: F, F/A, B \flat , F, F, F/A, Gm 7 , C

Lyrics: 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

Musical notation for 'SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY' in 6/8 time, key of F major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. There are rests in the lyrics corresponding to the phrasing.

Lyrics: 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.*

May 10, 2026

On Mothers and Bibles

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

Gathering ♪ *Prelude* | *Wade in the Water* (Traditional Spiritual)

♪ *Mother of All* (#91)

♪ *Whoever You Are* (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ *Song of Hope* (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening ♪ **Children's Choir** | *Simple Gifts* (Shaker song)

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Candle Lighting | *God Bless the Child* by Billie Holiday & Arthur Herzog, Jr

History

Reflection 1

♪ *If Anybody Asks You* (Child of God) Traditional Spiritual

Wisdom Story What I Learned from My Mother

Connecting **Offering**

♪ *Children Will Listen* by Stephen Sondheim / arr. Adam Podd

Reflection 2

Davol Bible Ceremony

Announcements

♪ *Guide My Feet* (#348)

Benediction

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

Mother of All

$\text{♩} = 40$

1. Moth - er of all, in ev - ery age, in ev - ery
 2. God - dess of nur - ture and of love, all na - ture
 3. O spir - it of un - fold - ing grace and deep - est
 4. Teach us to cher - ish this proud earth, its frag - ile

clime a - dored, by saint, by po - et,
 sings your care. In life's ex - trav - a -
 mys - ter - y, teach us com - pas - sion's
 beau - ty praise, and for the dreams your

and by sage, your prais - es high have soared.
 gance you prove the gift of giv - ing fair.
 gen - tle face and wis - dom's mas - ter - y.
 joy gives birth, a hope - ful fu - ture raise.

Words: v. 1, Alexander Pope, 1688-1744,
 ⊕ recast by Michael G. Young, vs. 2-4 by Michael G. Young, 1939- ,
 © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association
 Music: Irish melody

ST. COLUMBA
 8.7.8.7.

Guide My Feet

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race.
3. Stand by me
4. Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Stand by me
Search my heart

Guide my feet
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I
Stand by me
Search my heart

don't want to run this race in vain! (*race in vain!*)

Words: Traditional

Music: Spiritual from the collection of Willis Laurence James, 1900-1966
harmony by Wendell Whalum, 1932-

GUIDE MY FEET
Irregular

Interim Minister Rev. Micah C. Ma

Our Lay Leader is Bob Bero

Music Director Adam Podd

Wisdom Story Becky Huffman & Kids

Reflections Marci Lucia, Board Trustee and Yvonne Garrett, Intern Minister

Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Daniel Walters

Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence

Our Welcome Table Hosts are Colleen Olson and Michael Dore, Board Trustee

NOTES:

Mystical reading from the Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870 by Julia Ward Howe, abolitionist and women's suffrage activist

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. Today's musicians include **Skye "Blue" Carranza**, woodwinds / **Nathan Ellman-Bell**, drums / **Rob Jost**, bass.

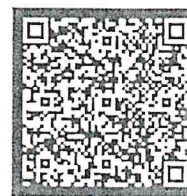
Today in Religious Education:

Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11 AM-12:30 PM. Drop off anytime in the 50 Monroe Classroom. Pick up after the service.

Grades K-9 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 programs



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

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, 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

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

Do we dare meet on Mother's Day? My mother, for one, suggested "Do what you gottuh do." Prodigal sons gather in guilt. Even newcomers are welcome to abase themselves.

Looking Forward:

❖ **Sunday, May 17th, Religious Education Lunch Fundraiser, following worship.**
Fuel up and support RE programming before the Annual Meeting of the Society.

❖ **Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:00 PM - *Songs for the People* (A Fund-Rising Recital)**
Join members of our music team **Kiena Williams, Brandon Hornsby-Selvin, and Adam Podd** for a recital in the First U Sanctuary on Tuesday evening, June 2nd at 7pm. Proceeds will go toward the unexpected purchase of new choir risers this past fall. Save the date, and stay tuned for how and where to purchase tickets.

❖ **Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM - 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,** 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. Registration is limited. All are welcome -- new members, seasoned members, and the discerning!

❖ **Saturday, June 6th, 1:00 PM, Yvonne Garrett, our intern minister, is being Ordained!**



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.

June is Pride Month.

The Queer Community and the Social Justice Committee kindly request that everyone mark their calendars and save the following dates (more detail to come):

- **Sunday, June 7th - Pride Service**
- **Sunday, June 7th - Pride Celebration event, in the Undercroft, after service.**
- **Saturday, June 13th - Brooklyn Pride Parade**
- **Wednesday, June 17th - Interfaith Pride Service in the First U Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, June 28th - NYC Pride March**

Join us as we stand proud, have fun and celebrate. Details for each event forthcoming.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to volunteer and participate. For more information please email queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org

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 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

Join the Summer Worship Coordination Committee

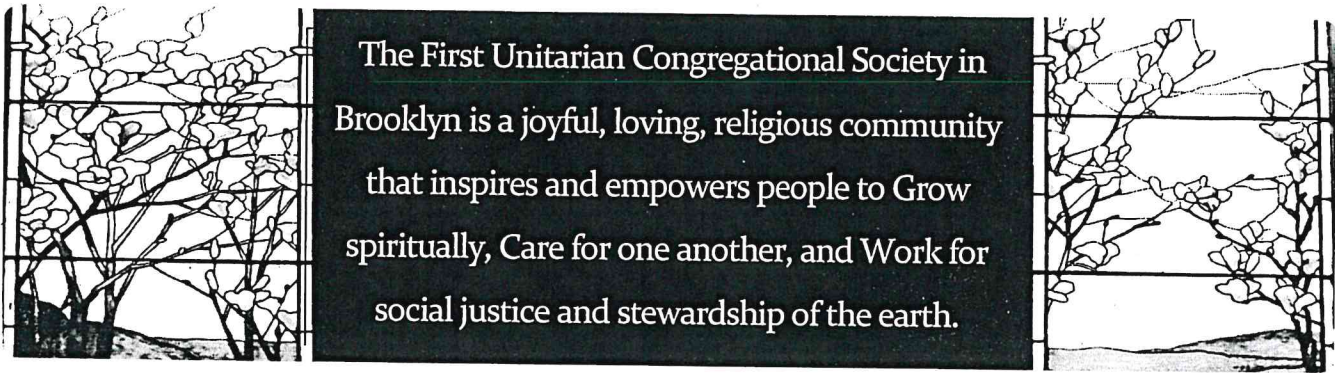
Spring has just begun, but that hasn't stopped some of us from thinking about the summer. Our senior minister takes a well-deserved break from leading our services for part of June, July and August. In their place members of the congregation step up to the pulpit and become our lay worship leaders for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

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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