

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 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". 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 two flats (Bb, Eb). 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 two flats. 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 17, 2026

## Part of Something Greater

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

**♪ My Heart is Ready** by Cindy Kallett

**♪ Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

**Chalice Lighting** (inside cover)

**♪ Song of Hope** (inside cover)

**Greeting**

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### Deepening **Teacher Recognition**

**Children's Blessing & Recessional**

**Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer**

**Candle Lighting**

**♪ May I Suggest** by Susan Werner

**Volunteer Recognition**

**♪ All One Heart** by Melanie DeMore

*All one heart... beat as one together, beat as one this moment  
All one song... sing as one together, sing as one this moment*

**New Member Ceremony** (insert)

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### Connecting **Offering**

**♪ Love's in Need of Love Today** by Ron Miller / recorded by Stevie Wonder

**Announcements**

**♪ Come and Go with Me** (#1018)


**Benediction**

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# Come and Go with Me

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F      B $\flat$ 7      F7      F7/E $\flat$



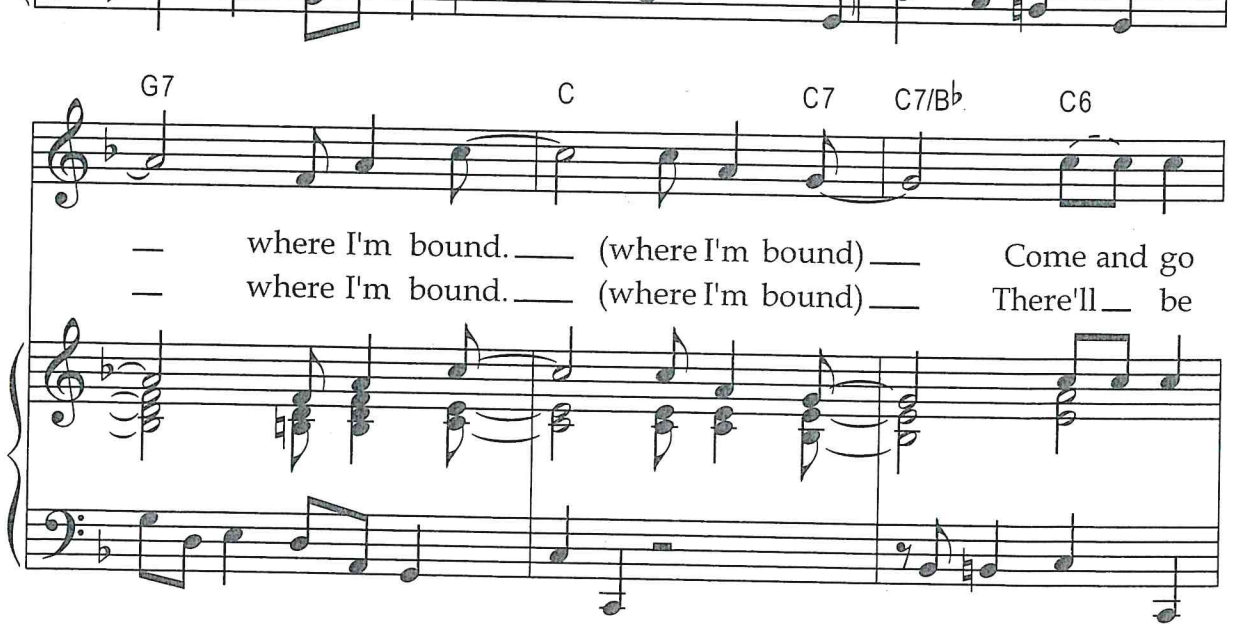
1. Come and go — with me to that land, — Come and go  
free - dom in that land, — There'll be

B $\flat$       F/C      Dm Dm/C G/B G7



with me to that land, — Come and go — with me to that land  
free - dom in that land, — There'll be — free-dom in that land

G7      C      C7 C7/B $\flat$  C6



— where I'm bound. — (where I'm bound) — Come and go  
— where I'm bound. — (where I'm bound) — There'll be

Come and Go with Me - 2

F FM7 F F7 B $\flat$

with me to that land, — Come and go with me to that  
 free - dom in that land, — There'll — be free - dom in that

F/C F/A B $\flat$ M7 Dm/C F/C C7

land, — Come and go with me to that land —  
 land, — There'll — be free - dom in that land —

Am/C C7 F 1, 2, 3 C7 4 F

— where I'm bound. — 2. There'll be —  
 — where I'm bound. — 3. (There'll be) —

3  
 8 $\text{vb}$

3. There'll be justice in that land. . .

4. There'll be singin' in that land

**Interim Minister** Rev. Micah C. Ma  
**Our Lay Leader** is Kate Caudill  
**Music Director** Adam Podd  
**Announcements** Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

**Our Lay Pastoral Minister** is Beth Zehe  
**Our Livestream Producer** is Robin Bossert  
**Our Welcome Table Host** is Maxine Schulof

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**NOTES:**

**Mystical reading** by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

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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.**

**Last day of RE Classes for the program year**

**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***

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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.**

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Today at First Unitarian:

- ❖ **Religious Education Lunch Fundraiser, today following worship.**  
Support RE programming and fuel up before the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- ❖ **The Men's Group's "You Be You" T-shirt Drive begins today.**  
Shirts will be available for \$25. Come check them out! We'll be in the Undercroft.
- ❖ **The Shawl Ministry, today, during Fellowship Hour.**  
And feel free to bring your crafting with you to the annual meeting at 12:45 in the Sanctuary.
- ❖ **Annual Meeting of the Society, Today, 12:45 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 and made a payment toward their pledge.* 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@firstubrooklyn.org)

### Looking Forward:

- ❖ **The Art of Worship, Thursday, May 21st and Saturday, May 23rd**  
Want to know how the sausage is made? Rev. Micah is telling all (about worship!) in his Art of Worship class! *All are welcome to attend on Zoom on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30pm or Saturday, May 23 at 9:30am.* RSVP directly to Rev. Micah ([micah@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:micah@firstubrooklyn.org)) for the Zoom link and materials!
- ❖ **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. **We need volunteers** to help with set up, clean up, ushers, music, and more! If you're interested and would like to help out, please contact Yvonne [yvonne@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:yvonne@firstubrooklyn.org) or Beth Evans [beth.evans.is@gmail.com](mailto:beth.evans.is@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thanks!!



❖ **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, First U Book Club:**

We are reading Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt. Zoom link coming soon. For information, contact Langdon Holloway [l.a.holloway35@gmail.com](mailto:l.a.holloway35@gmail.com)

❖ **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM, Friday Night Open Mic. McKinney Chapel**

Last open mic of the program year! Bring your favorite song, story, or poem. An accompanist will be available. And we have snacks! Questions? [wendy@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:wendy@firstubrooklyn.org).

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> - Pride Service**
- **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Pride Celebration event, in the Undercroft, after service.**
- **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Brooklyn Pride Parade**
- **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Interfaith Pride Service in the First U Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org)

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**First U Looking for Summer Services Leaders**



Do you have something intriguing, profound or illuminating to say to a gathering of our congregation? Our minister takes a well-deserved break from leading our services over the summer. In their place members of the congregation step up and share with the congregation thoughtful sermons they have been crafting in their heads for months or years. Is this you, or is this someone you know? To find out more and to volunteer yourself or a

friend, please access the QR code. **The deadline to apply is Friday, May 29!**

For questions, contact Sean Hastings ([hastings.seand@gmail.com](mailto:hastings.seand@gmail.com)).

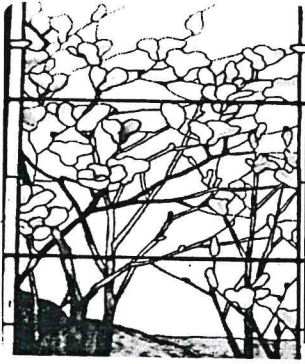
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**Share the Plate May: The Trinity Immigration and Citizenship Team Clinic (TICT Clinic)**

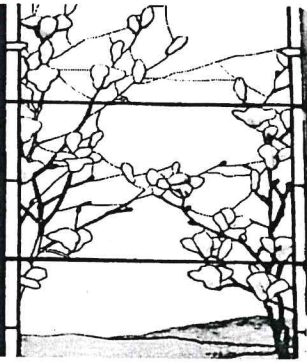


Trinity Lutheran Church of Staten Island sponsors the Trinity Immigration and Citizenship Team Clinic (TICT Clinic) which provides no-cost legal services to our immigrant neighbors. The Unitarian Church of Staten Island is a proud partner.

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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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BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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