

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 RECESSIONAL



We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your

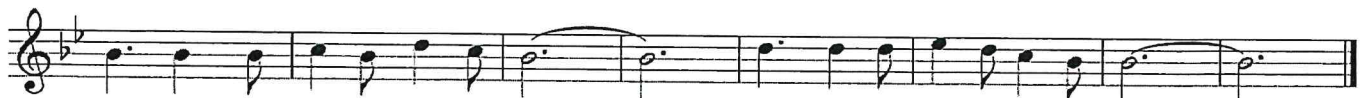


joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be - ing you.

SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



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 _____

May 31, 2026

Coming of Age

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

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.

♪ Morning Has Broken (#38)

♪ Whoever You Are (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ Song of Hope (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Wisdom Story**

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Candle Lighting

♪ Hold On by Heidi Wilson / arr. Candice Helfand-Rogers

♪ Calling My Children Home by Doyle Lawon, Charles Waller, and Roberts Yates

Credo Statements

♪ Come, Sing a Song with Me (#346)

Connecting **Offering**

♪ If I Can Help Somebody by Alma Bazel Androzzo / arr. Adam Podd

Announcements

♪ Lead With Love by Melanie DeMore

Benediction

Morning Has Broken

♩. = 56 Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e -

sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, sprung in com -
 la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre -

spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 a - tion of the new day!

346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

$\text{♩} = 56$

1. Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with
2. Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with
3. Come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with
4. Come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with

me, come, sing a song with me, that I might
 me, come, dream a dream with me, that I might
 me, come, walk in rain with me, that I might
 me, come, share a rose with me, that I might

know your mind.
 know your mind. And I'll bring you hope
 know your mind.
 know your mind.

when hope is hard to find, and I'll bring a

song of love and a rose in the win - ter - time.

Coming of Age Teachers Becky Huffman, RJ Carey

Music Director Adam Podd

Wisdom Story Nina Megrabi-Cunningham & Lucia Astuto-Negahbani

Prayers and Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is ET Boyle

Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence

Our Online Host is Yvonne Garrett

Our Welcome Table Host is Michael Dore, Board of Trustees

Mystical reading by Bart Frost

None of us arrived fully formed at the moment we currently find ourselves in. Our personal stories were created one step, one stumble, and one leap at a time.

Music Notes:

If I Can Help Somebody features **Kiena Williams** (soprano), and **Brandon Hornsby-Selvin** (tenor).

This year's Coming of Age Youth are:

Lucia Astuto-Negahbani

Nina Mehrabi-Cunningham

Julius Rinzel

Eliot Weber

Thank you to our Coming of Age Mentors:

Sean Hastings

Ginny Fahs

Skye Miller

Bill Wasik

Today in Religious Education ~ All ages service today

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

Grades 10-12 / HS Youth Group, Third Floor Teen Room

Learn to Live Stream for Free

Our Live Steam Team will train you to handle audio or video or graphics, depending on your interest. Are you recently out of college, do you have an adult child living at home, are you recently retired, are you none of the above? Contact the Live Stream Team

jay.lawrence@firsttubrooklyn.org or robinbossert@gmail.com for more information

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **Today! The “You Be You” T-shirts are for sale** after services. In the Undercroft. Come check them out!

Looking Forward:

❖ **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. The program will feature solo repertoire from both singers including arias, art songs, spirituals and more, as well as a few duets. Proceeds will go to lift up the First U choir by paying for the new choir risers we purchased unexpectedly this year. Show your support by attending the concert if you can, or donating even if you can't come. Please help ensure the success of the event by buying tickets in advance. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/fund-riser> or scan the

QR code. Tell your friends, and help us share the incredible gifts we enjoy at First U week after week with the wider community. The concert will run about 75 minutes, with a reception to follow. See you there :)

❖ **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.

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 or Beth Evans beth.evans.is@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thanks!!



❖ **Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 PM, First U Book Club.**

We are reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt. The Zoom link is

<https://tinyurl.com/4e4rpvzr>.

For information, contact Langdon Holloway l.a.holloway35@gmail.com

❖ **Friday, June 12th 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.

❖ **Friday, June 19th, Juneteenth: Where History Meets the Dance Floor, 7:00 PM**
Hosted by the BIPOC Spiritual Group. In the Chapel

To dance is to insist on joy. For Black people in the U.S., it has always been that — and so much more. Line dancing and Juneteenth may not seem like an obvious pairing, but the history of Black social dance runs directly through the era of American slavery — as an act of survival, cultural preservation, and the sustaining of the human spirit. On Juneteenth, join us for an evening of line dancing and history, where we'll honor the story of Juneteenth itself, and where Tyrone will teach two or three easy, beloved dances from the Black American tradition — think the Electric Slide and the Cupid Shuffle — alongside the stories that gave them meaning. After the teaching, the floor opens for free dancing! Snacks and drinks provided. All are welcome!

❖ **Saturday, June 20th, The First Unitarian Women's Leadership Alliance Annual Meeting and brunch.** *Please save the date.* More information to follow. Questions? Contact Beth Evans, beth.evans.is@gmail.com.

June is Pride Month!

The Queer Community and the Social Justice Committee kindly request that everyone mark their calendars and save the following dates:

- Sunday, June 7 - *Pride Service*
- Sunday, June 7 - *Pride Celebration & Charity Fundraiser benefiting The Ali Forney Center after services in the Undercroft.*
- Saturday evening, June 13 - *Brooklyn Pride Parade. Additional details to follow.*
- Wednesday evening, June 17 - *Interfaith Pride Service, in the Sanctuary at First U!*
- Sunday, June 28 - *NYC Pride March. Join Unitarian Universalists from all five boroughs. The march is open to all! You must be registered to march and enter the parade route: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxkm535>*

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.

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

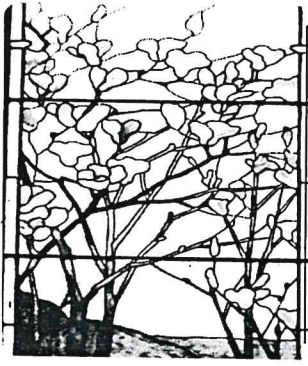


Trinity Lutheran Church of Staten Island sponsors the Trinity Immigration and Citizenship Team Clinic (TICT Clinic) which provides no-cost legal services to our immigrant neighbors. The Unitarian Church of Staten Island is a proud partner.

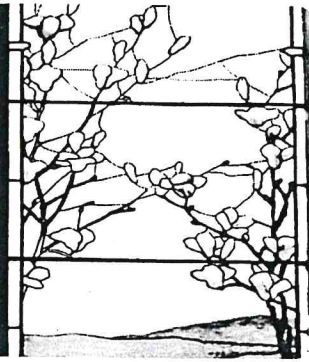
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Please be respectful of the scent free area below the west balcony.

Choose another area of the Sanctuary if you use perfumes, scented soaps, essential oils or scented laundry supplies.



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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