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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

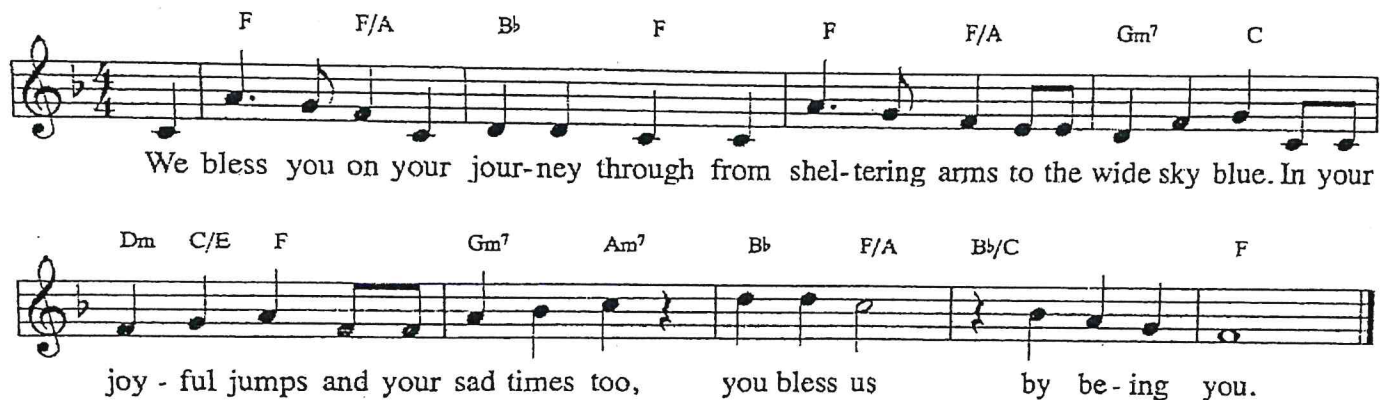
## WHOEVER YOU ARE

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



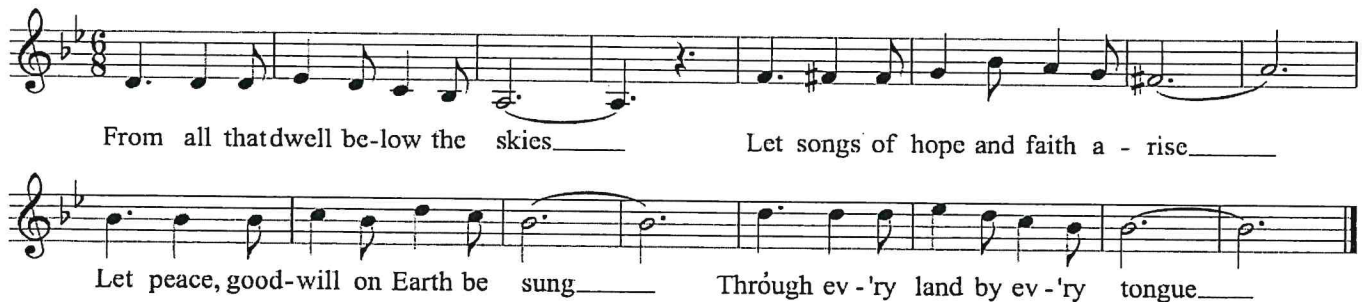
Musical notation for "CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

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.

Chords: Dm, C/E, F, Gm $^7$ , Am $^7$ , B $\flat$ , F/A, B $\flat$ /C, F

## SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



Musical notation for "SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY" in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath.

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.*

June 7, 2026

## Where There's Love Overflowing

Welcome to First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, where we are exploring the themes of *home* and *family* 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** | *The Day That Disco Died*

**Children's Blessing & Recessional**

**Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer**

**Candle Lighting**

**Story**

**♪ Turn** from *The Book of Rounds* by Julie Flanders (lyrics) & Emil Adler (music)  
arr. Keiji Ishiguri

**Sermon**

**♪ Hymn** *Where You Go, I Will Go, Beloved* by Shoshana Jedwab

*Where you go, I will go, beloved. Where you go, I will go.*

*And your people are my people. Your people are mine.*

*Your people are my people – your divine my divine*

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### Connecting **Offering**

**♪ Home** by Charlie Smalls

**Announcements**

**♪ We Are Family** by Sister Sledge

*We are family, I got all my sisters with me*

*We are family, get up, everybody, and sing*

**Benediction**

**Interim Minister** Rev. Micah C. Ma  
**Music Director** Adam Podd  
**Wisdom Story** Tyrone Davis, Jr. & Kids  
**Announcements** Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

**Our Lay Worship Leader** is Kate Caudill  
**Our Lay Pastoral Minister** is Daniel Walters  
**Our Livestream Producer** is Justin Parkinson  
**Our Welcome Table Hosts** are Charles Lynch and Lee Pardee, Board Treasurer

**Mystical reading** by drag queen and television host RuPaul.

**Music Notes:**

**Lauren Ordair** (soloist, *Home*) is a NYC-based drag artist and singer. Join her for a Pride Celebration & Charity Fundraiser benefiting The Ali Forney Center, hosted by First U's Queer Community in the undercroft immediately after the service.

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**Today in Religious Education ~ Pride Sunday**

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

**Grades K-5 / Birthday Party,** following the wisdom story

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

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**Share the Plate June: Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA)**



We equip Unitarian Universalists in Minnesota and the surrounding area to do powerful, sustainable, accountable, spiritually-rooted work — both locally and in the broader public sphere. Only together can we unleash courageous leadership and collective power to build a just and loving world. <https://www.muusja.org/>

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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.

*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!
- ❖ **Today, 1:00 – 3:00 PM - Pride Celebration & Charity Fundraiser** benefiting *The Ali Forney Center* after services in the Undercroft. Featuring **Lauren Ordair!**

### Looking Forward:

- ❖ **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](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).

- ❖ **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

- ❖ **The Women's Leadership Alliance will be holding its end-of-year meeting on Saturday, June 20 (10 am - 1 pm).**

All current members and those interested in the WLA are welcome to attend. We will discuss exciting plans for the upcoming year including a program of activism and community building and hold our annual elections for the WLA Board. We will be meeting at the home of Judith Sedaitis. Contact Beth Evans [beth.evans.is@gmail.com](mailto:beth.evans.is@gmail.com) to let us know if you can come and if you have any questions.

## June is Pride Month!

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

❖ **Saturday, June 13 - Brooklyn Pride Parade.**

Please wear your "U Be U" tee shirts. Tee shirts will be for sale during fellowship hour: \$25. When and where to meet will be announced next week.

❖ **Wednesday evening, June 17, We're Hosting the Interfaith Pride Service!**

First U has the honor of hosting the Brooklyn Interfaith Pride Service this year! We'll be welcoming people of all faiths into our house of worship on Wednesday, June 17th with a light reception at 6pm in the Chapel followed by the worship service at 7pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! And we're also looking for volunteers to act as ushers/greeters and help with setup and cleanup; please contact Rev. Micah at [micah@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:micah@firstubrooklyn.org)

❖ **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>. Details to follow as the date approaches.

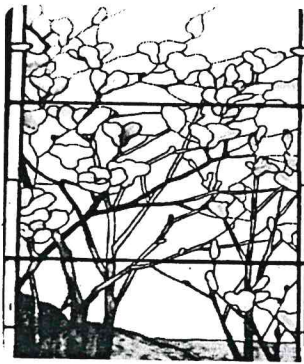
**Join us as we stand proud, have fun and celebrate. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to volunteer and participate.**

**For more information please email [queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org)**

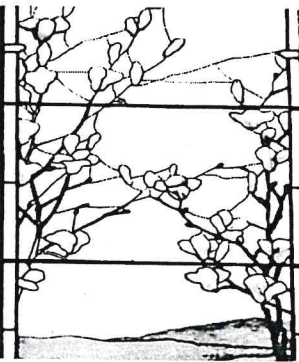
### Learn to Live Stream for Free

Our Live Stream 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@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:jay.lawrence@firstubrooklyn.org) or [robinbossert@gmail.com](mailto:robinbossert@gmail.com) for more information



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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Thank you for your generosity.



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CONGREGATION ORGANIZED IN 1833

BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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