

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



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 _____

June 14, 2026

Past, Present, & Future

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

Gathering ♪ **Prelude | *Down by the Riverside***

♪ **Hail the Glorious Golden City (#140)**

1) *Hail the glorious golden city, pictured by the seers of old:
everlasting light shines o'er it, wondrous things of it are told.*

*Wise and righteous friends and neighbors dwell within its gleaming wall;
wrong is banished from its borders, justice reigns supreme o'er all.*

♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Past, Present, & Future**

Prayer

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well. (2x)

May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

Bridging

♪ **Wildflowers** by Dolly Parton

Flower Communion

♪ ***Aj Lučka, Široká***

Connecting **Offering**

♪ **True Colors** by Charlie Smalls

Announcements

♪ **Come and Go With Me** (#1018)

Benediction

140 Hail the Glorious Golden City

$\text{♩} = 42$

1. Hail the glo - rious gold - en cit - y, pic - tured
 2. We are build - ers of that cit - y. All our
 3. And the work that we have build - ed, oft with

by the seers of old: ev - er - last - ing light shines
 joys and all our groans help to rear its shin - ing
 bleed - ing hands and tears, oft in er - ror, oft in

o'er it, won - drous things of it are told.
 ram - parts; all our lives are build - ing - stones.
 an - guish, will not per - ish with our years:

Wise and right - eous men and wom - en dwell with -
 Wheth - er hum - ble or ex - alt - ed, all are
 it will live and shine trans - fig - ured in the

- in its gleam - ing wall; wrong is ban - ished
called to task di - vine; all must aid a -
fi - nal reign of right: it will pass in -

from its bor - ders, jus - tice reigns su - preme o'er all.
like to car - ry for - ward one sub - lime de - sign.
to the splen - dors of the cit - y of the light.

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Come and Go with Me

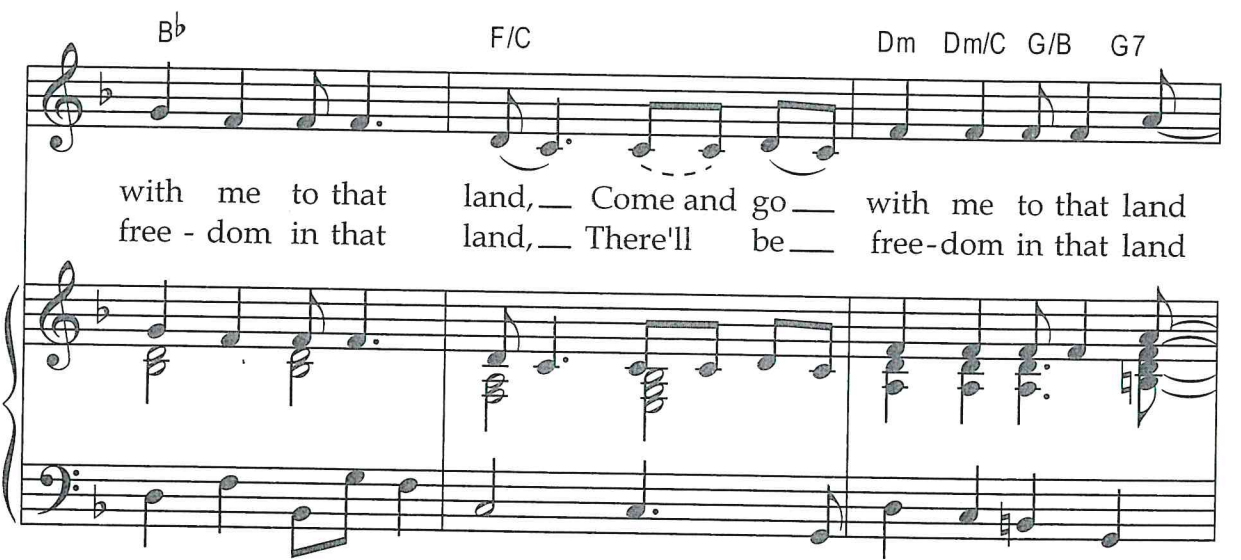
Easy swing  ♩ = 120

F B \flat 7 F7 F7/E \flat



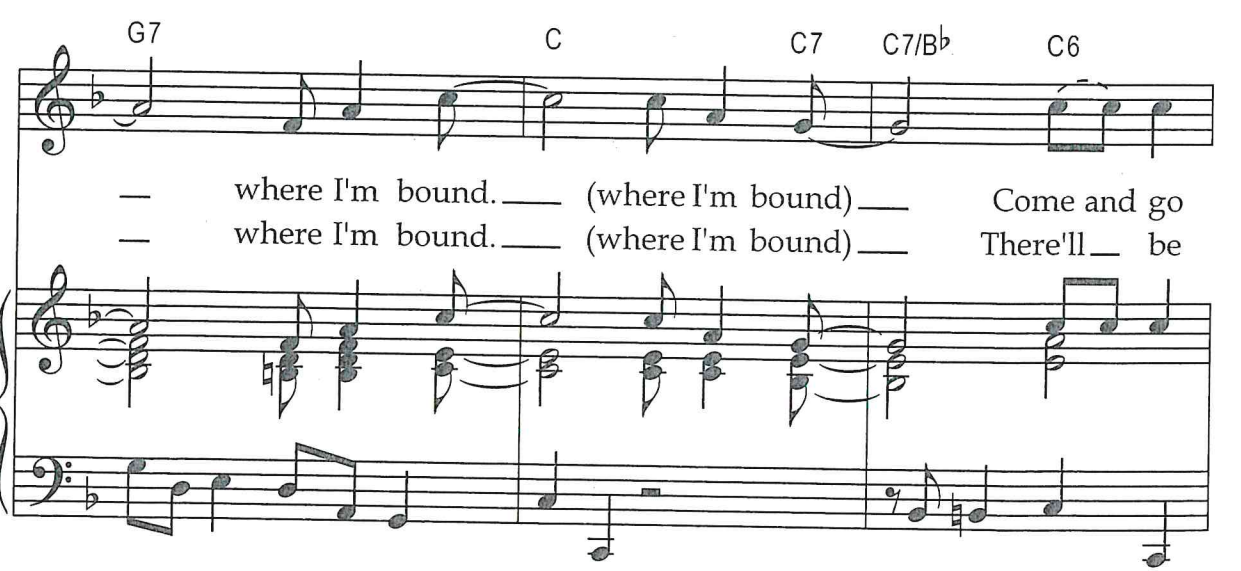
1. Come and go — with me to that land, — Come and go
 free - dom in that land, — There'll be

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 C7 F

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

3
 8 \flat

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

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

Worship Leaders Rev. Micah C. Ma & Rev. Yvonne Garrett
Music Director Adam Podd
Bridging Ceremony Becky Huffman & Sean Sellers
Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Our Lay Pastoral Minister is Daniel Walters
Our Livestream Producer is Jay Lawrence
Our Welcome Table Host is Colleen Olson

Mystical reading by Deepak Chopra

Notes:

Bridging Youth:

Mason Gunn

Jackson Maida

Prudence Parkinson

Quentin Parkinson

Music Notes:

Welcome to our final Second Sunday Jazz Worship service of the program year! 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 for another amazing year! You can give at fuub.org/musicfund

Today's musicians include: **Jason Prover**, trumpet / **Skye "Blue" Carranza**, saxophone / **Nathan Ellman-Bell**, drums / **Rob Jost**, bass
Emily Gaggiano, soloist (*Wildflowers*)
Candice Helfand-Rogers, soloist (*True Colors*)

Aj Lučka, Široká is a Traditional Czech folk song that we have sung for many years as part of the annual flower communion ritual at First Unitarian, as a way of honoring Norbert Fabián Čapek who founded the original flower communion ceremony.

Original Czech:

Aj Lučka, Lučka, široká, roste na ní tráva, roste na ní tráva,

Aj Lučka, Lučka, široká, roste na ní tráva, vysoká

Teče voda z hora, čistá je jako já, Točí se dokola, okola javora

Teče voda z hora, čistá je jako já, Točí se dokola, okola mňa.

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.

All Ages Service

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

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! Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will meet in the Library at 12:45.**

Theme: *“Your Worth is Not What You Contribute to the Economy”*.

We will be discussing self-worth and the things that make us feel valuable despite living under a capitalist system and the pressures of American work culture. If you are a young adult, please join in the Library at 12:45. There will be pizza!

❖ **Today! The Men's Group will meet in the Chapel from 12:45-2:15 PM**
Newcomers are welcome.

Looking Forward:

❖ **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!

❖ **The Women's Leadership Alliance is postponing its year-end meeting,** originally scheduled for Saturday, June 20, until after the ingathering in September. More information will follow. Contact Beth Evans (beth.evans.is@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Sunday, June 21st, The First Unitarian Building will be closed.

We encourage everyone to watch the General Assembly Service online.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2026/sunday-worship>

❖ **Sunday, June 28th, Summer services begin, 11:00 AM in the McKinney Chapel.**

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 or robinbossert@gmail.com for more information

June is Pride Month!

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

❖ **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

❖ **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

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

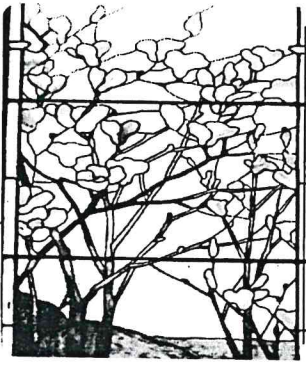
We equip Unitarian Universalists in Minnesota and the surrounding area to do powerful, sustainable, accountable, spiritually-rooted work — both locally and in the broader public sphere. Only together can we unleash courageous leadership and collective power to build a just and loving world. <https://www.muusja.org/>



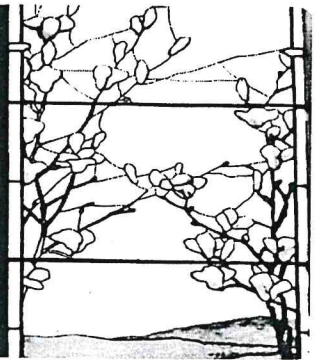
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Please be respectful of the scent free area below the west balcony.

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



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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