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ORDER OF SERVICE

July 05, 2026 | 11 am

The Long Lasting Light of Lewis Latimer

Prelude | ♪ *Sending You Light* by Melanie Demore

Call to Worship | with Quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Whoever you are, Whomever you love, wherever you are on your life journey,
Whatever the color of your skin, or your country of origin,
Whatever your gender, or the source of your faith, You are Welcome Here.*

Hymn* | ♪ **With Joy We Claim the Growing Light #345**

Lighting the Chalice*

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.

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.*

Welcome

Hymn* | ♪ **Love Will Guide Us #131**

Sermon

Offertory | ♪ *My Soul Will Be A Star* Words by Lewis Latimer, Music by Allie Lewis

Prayer & Meditation

Candle Lighting

Hymn* | ♪ **This Little Light of Mine #118**

Closing Words

**You are invited to stand as able*

Today's Lay Worship Leader is RJ Carey
Today's Worship Assistant is Emily Mello

Today's music is led by Caleb Conaway
Our Summer Music Director is Allie Lewis

~ Please join us for refreshments in the Frances White Room ~

note of hope sus - tains us all.
 u - ni - ver - sal song of life.
 rose lies curled and hums its song.
 some - thing al - ways, al - ways sings.

With Joy We Claim the Growing Light

345

$\text{♩} = 108$

1. With joy we claim the grow - ing light, ad -
 2. With wid - er view, come loft - ier goal; with

vanc-ing thought, and wid-en-ing view, the larg - er free-dom,
 full - er light, more good to see; with free-dom, tru - er

clear - er sight, which from the old un - fold the new.
 self - con - trol; with knowl-edge, deep - er rev-erence be.

Love Will Guide Us

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
 2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
 3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
 can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
 side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
 give from deep with - in you. You can
 road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

guide us through the hard night.
 change the world with your love.
 guide us through the hard night.

This Little Light of Mine 118

$\text{♩} = 80$

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it

Oh

shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.

❖ **Queer Community @ First U, Sunday July 5, 12:45-2:15**

Please join us for our monthly Queer Community meeting. We'll be gathering in the Frances White Room from 12:45-2:15.

Discussion topics:

- Recap of our June 7 Pride Fundraiser Event for Ali Forney.
- Open discussion and exchange of ideas for future events, outings, projects, etc.

If you identify as queer, please join us. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, to join, or to share an event, please email queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org

❖ **Summer Spruce Up! Sunday, July 12, following worship- Third floor offices**

We're welcoming our new DRE next month -- and we're having a work party to prepare her office! Join us Sunday, July 12th, after service, to move furniture, sort books, oil woodwork, wash windows, and more to create a cozy space for Elizabeth Ann. We're playing musical chairs with the third floor offices, and will be transforming Rev. Micah's office into the new teen space! All skill levels are invited to help; come for a few minutes or a few hours. There will be pizza at 3pm!

❖ **Want to sing this summer?:**

Join the Summer Choir at 10am in the Chapel on July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th! If you have any questions, reach out to Allie Lewis at allie26lewis@gmail.com.

More information will be available for these events (and more) in the Summer Bi-weekly E-news, the Order of Service and social media.

Upcoming Summer Services:

July 12	Gratitude	Marci Lucia
July 19	A Sacred Life: Meditation	Donald Fleck
July 26	Multigenerationalism	Garnett Losak & Charlotte Hoogenboom
Aug 02	Sharing Our Unitarian Origins	Charles Lynch
Aug 09	On Agency	Josh Davidoff
Aug 16	Star Island, FUUB, and the Ripples of Community	Topher Soltys
Aug 23	Blessing of the Animals	Jocelyn Smith
Aug 30	Rock Botton	Elena Karpoff
Sept 06	The Greatest Lessons in Life	Sean Hastings



Our Share the Plate recipient for July is The Wildlife Conservation Society

The Wildlife Conservation Society conducts research and deploys efforts globally to save wildlife from extinction. They also operate 4 zoos and the NY Aquarium here in NYC, where they educate the public to care about wildlife and provide excellent care to many species in their collections.

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.

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