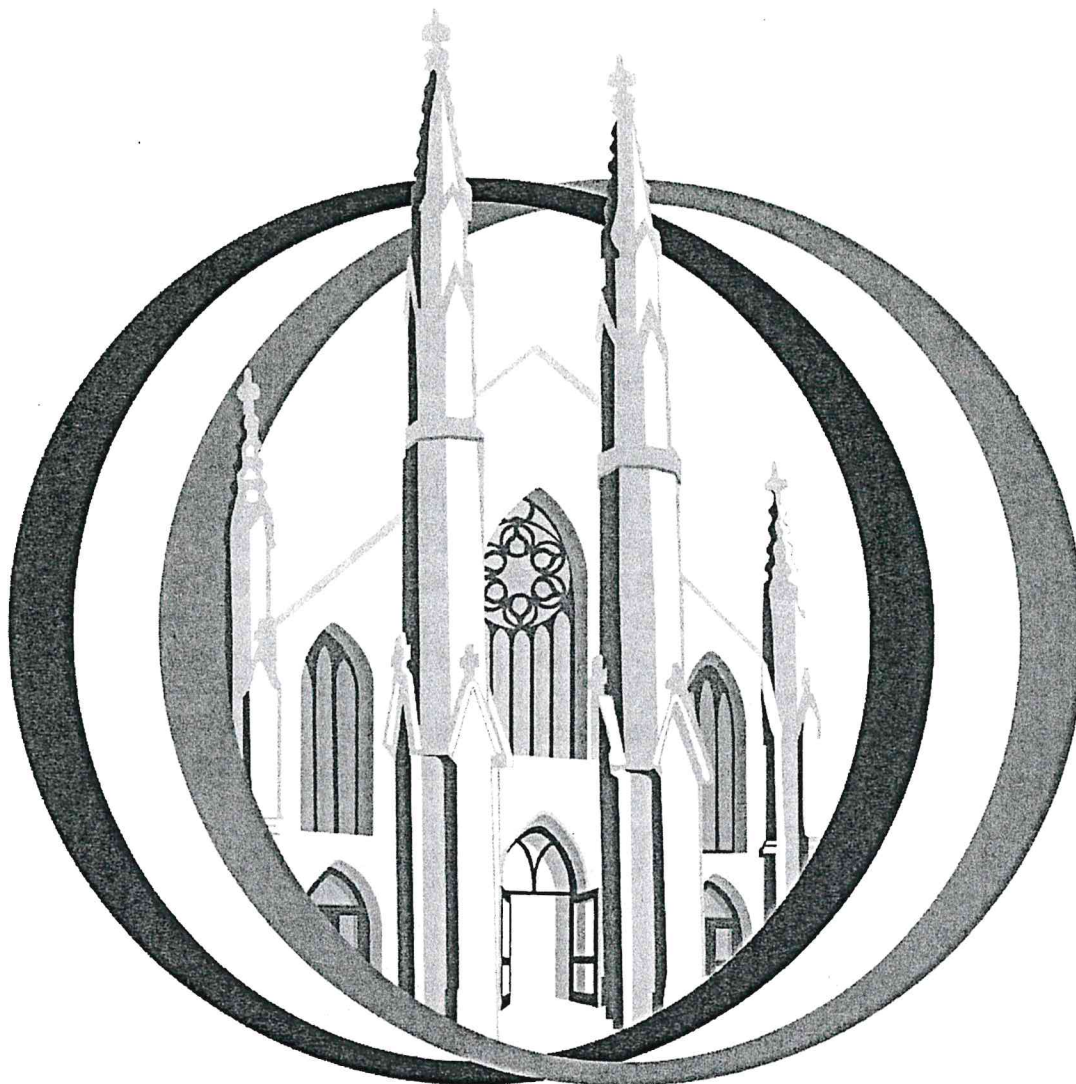




FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
BROOKLYN

A UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

ORDER OF SERVICE

August 2, 2026 | 11 am

Sharing Our Unitarian Origins

Waking up this morning, I smile./ Twenty-four brand new hours are before me./ I vow to live fully in each moment/ and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion."-- Thich Nhat Hanh

Prelude | *Michael Row The Boat Ashore* (traditional)

Call to Worship*

*Whoever you are, Whomever you love,
Wherever you are on your life journey,
You are Welcome Here.*

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

Speaker Ginny Fahs

Speaker Charles Lynch

Hymn* | We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table (# 407)

Candle Lighting

Speaker Asuna Osako

Prayer & Meditation

Speaker Tamara Dottin

Offertory | *Giving Love* by The Voices of East Harlem

Speaker Andre Terenin

Hymn* | Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield (# 162)

Closing Words

**You are invited to stand as able*

Today's Lay Worship Leaders are Charles Lynch & Ginny Fahs

Our Summer Music Director is Allie Lewis

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We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

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1. We're gon - na sit at the wel - come ta -
 2. All kinds of peo - ple a - round that ta -
 3. No fan - cy style at the wel - come ta -

ble. We're gon - na sit at the wel - come
 ble. All kinds of peo - ple a - round that
 ble. No fan - cy style at the wel - come

ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah! We're gon - na
 ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah! All kinds of
 ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah! No fan - cy

Words & music: Traditional,
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WELCOME TABLE
 Irregular

sit at the wel - come ta - ble, gon - na
 peo - ple a - round that ta - ble, gon - na
 style at the wel - come ta - ble, gon - na

sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.
 sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.
 sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days.

G Am7 G G Am7 G Em

lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er-side, gon-na
 lay down my bur - den, down by the riv - er-side, gon-na
 shake hands a-round the world, ev - 'ry-where I roam, gon-na

Am7 G D7 G

stu - dy war no more.
 stu - dy war no more. I ain't gon - na
 stu - dy war no more.

C G

stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na

D G G7

stu - dy war no more. I ain't gon - na

C G Em7

stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na

Am7 D7 1.-2. 3.

Am7 D7 G G

stu-dy war no more. 2. Gon-na
3. Gon-na more.

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

TODAY:

❖ Today, 12:45-2:15, Poetry of Doubt & Devotion, Library

❖ Today, Queer Community

We will be taking a summer break this month and will not be meeting in the Francis White room for our monthly gathering. However, we welcome all QC members and newcomers to join us for an informal brunch or coffee at The Custom House (139 Montague St.) We will gather in front of the Sanctuary by 12:30. Please join us.

THIS WEEK:

❖ Wednesday, August 5th, 6:30pm, Brooklyn UU's for Justice in the Middle East Monthly Meeting (BUUJME).

We will convene in the teen room and online to discuss ways our group can work within the UU community to educate and mobilize individuals to recognize and counter inequality and injustice in Palestine. All are welcome. Please contact odaykate@gmail.com for the online meeting link and with questions.

Please enter through the door at 50 Monroe. Bobby will lock the door 15 minutes after the meeting is scheduled to begin. So any latecomers should text or call someone within the meeting to open the door for them.

Two more chances to sing with the Summer Choir!

Join the Summer Choir at 10am in the Chapel on August 9th, and September 6th!

Questions? Reach out to Allie Lewis at allie26lewis@gmail.com.

Julia Payne had a mild stroke and would like her beloved First U community to know. She welcomes phone calls, cards, and visits. You can reach her at (718) 935-1905

Upcoming Summer Services:

Aug 09	Time Has Made a Change in Me	Josh Davidoff
Aug 16	Star Island, FUUB, and the Ripples of Community	Tophers Soltys
Aug 23	Blessing of the Animals	Jocelyn Smith
Aug 30	Rock Bottom	Elena Karpoff
Sept 06	The Greatest Lessons in Life	Sean Hastings

Our Share the Plate recipient for July & August 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. Learn more here <https://www.wcs.org/>

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.

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

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BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1844

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