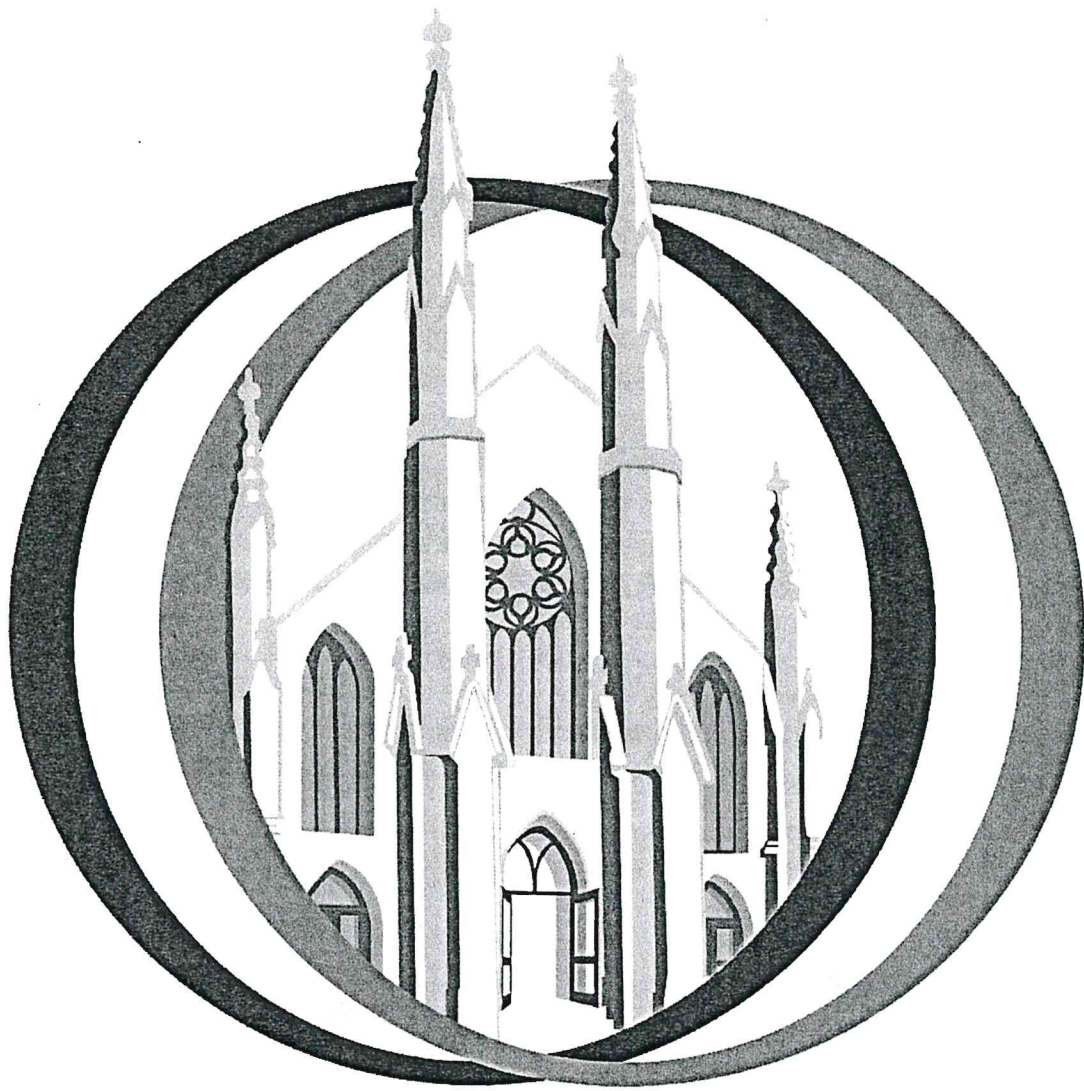




FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
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ORDER OF SERVICE

September 6, 2026 | 11 am

The Greatest Lessons in Life

The Sounding Bowl Calls Us Into Silence

Prelude | *My Back Pages* By Bob Dylan

Mystical Reading | *Unlearn!* By Warren Cook

Hymn* | *The Long and Winding Road* by The Beatles (Paul McCartney & John Lennon)

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

Hymn* | *Everyday is a Winding Road* by Sheryl Crow

Sermon

Offertory | *You Can't Always Get What you Want/Vienna* by The Rolling Stones (Mick Jagger & Keith Richards)/Billy Joel / arr. Allie Lewis

Prayer & Meditation

Candle Lighting

Closing Words

Hymn* | *The Middle* by Jimmy Eat World (Jim Adkins, Tom Linton, Rick Burch, and Zach Lind)

**You are invited to stand as able*

Sean Hastings: Worship Leader

Elena Karpoff: Worship Associate

Allie Lewis: Summer Music Director

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

The Long and Winding Road

The long and winding road that leads to your door
Will never disappear, I've seen that road before
It always leads me here, lead me to your door
The wild and windy night, that the rain, washed away
Has left a pool of tears, crying for the day
Why leave me standing here, let me know the way

Many times I've been alone, and many times I've cried
Any way you'll never know the many ways I've tried
And still they lead me back, to the long winding road
You left me standing here a long, long time ago
Don't leave me waiting here, lead me to your door

But still they lead me back to the long winding road
You left me standing here, a long, long time ago
Don't keep me waiting here, lead me to your door

The Middle

Hey, don't write yourself off yet
It's only in your head you feel left out or looked down on
Just try your best, try everything you can
And don't you worry what they tell themselves when you're away

It just takes some time
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride
Everything, everything will be just fine
Everything, everything will be alright, alright

Hey, you know they're all the same
You know you're doing better on your own (on your own), so don't buy in
Live right now, yeah, just be yourself
It doesn't matter if it's good enough (good enough) for someone else

It just takes some time
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride
Everything, everything will be just fine
Everything, everything will be alright, alright

Everyday is a Winding Road

I hitched a ride with a vending machine repairman
He said he's been down this road more than twice
He was high on intellectualism
I've never been there but the brochure looks nice

Jump in, let's go.
Lay back, enjoy the show
Everybody gets high, everybody gets low
These are the days when anything goes

Every day is a winding road
I get a little bit closer
Every day is a faded sign
I get a little bit closer to feeling fine

He's got a daughter he calls Easter
She was born on a Tuesday night
I'm just wondering why I feel so alone
Why I'm a stranger in my own life

Jump in, let's go
Lay back, enjoy the show
Everybody gets high, everybody gets low
These are the days when anything goes

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❖ **Today, 12:45, Queers and Allies Brunch Sunday**

The Queer Community @ First U will be taking one more Summer Sunday Sabbatical on September 6 and will not be meeting in the Frances White room for our monthly gathering. However, we welcome all QC members, allies, friends and newcomers to join us for an informal brunch at Lichee Nut, **162 Montague St.** <https://licheenutnyc.com>. We will gather in front of the Sanctuary at 12:45. Please join us.

❖ **Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 PM on Zoom**

We are reading *The Sliver Book* by Olivia Laing. All are welcome. Please contact Langdon Holloway for zoom link. l.a.holloway35@gmail.com

Next Sunday, Sept 13th, 2026

Water Communion, Ingathering, & Faith in Action Expo

We'll be back in the Sanctuary with Rev. Micah C. Ma. 11:00 a.m.

Bring a small amount of water from your summer adventures!

We will make our holy water together.

Following the service – until 2:00 p.m.

Begin the new worship year by gathering and exploring the many ways to connect, serve, learn, and belong at First U! Following worship, join us for an open-house-style Ingathering Reception and Faith in Action Expo. We'll be in the Undercroft, McKinney Chapel, and Frances White Room

Visit tables hosted by First U's committees, groups, and ministries; enjoy small treats as you go; meet your fellow congregants and discover opportunities to get involved in the life of our congregational community. Whether you are looking for a new way to participate or simply curious about all that happens at First U, come explore and find your place!

Questions? Please contact Tyrone Davis, Jr. at tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org.

Our September Share the Plate recipient is *The Minister's Discretionary Fund*



The Minister's Discretionary Fund provides small grants to members & friends of First Unitarian in times of need.

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