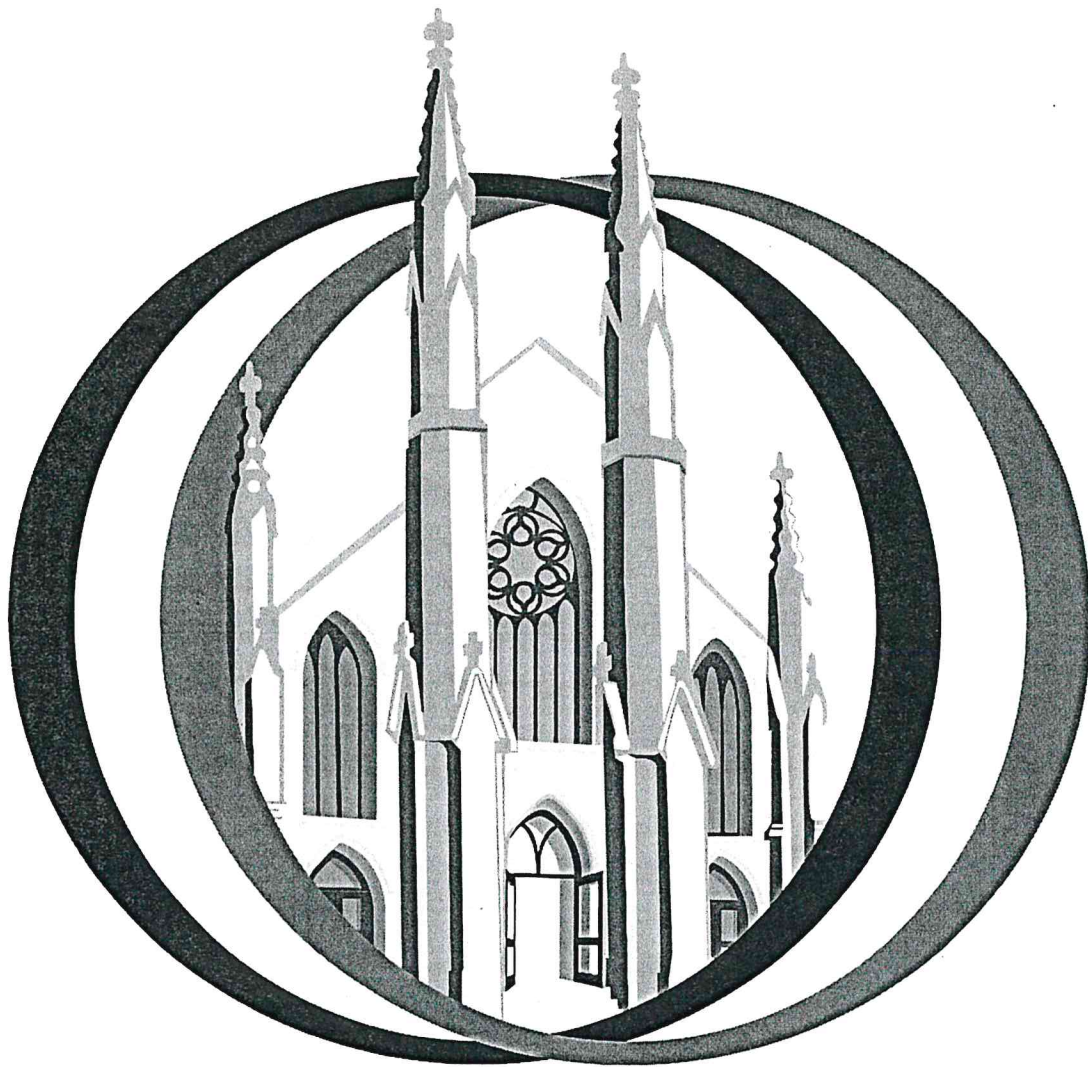




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CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY  
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A UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

## 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.

## CHALICE EXTINGUISHING

We extinguish this flame but not the light of  
truth, the warmth of community, or the fire  
of commitment. These we carry in our  
hearts until we are together again.

-Elizabeth Selle Jones

## 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.*

## CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

Musical notation for the Children's Recessional. The first line of music is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, and C. The lyrics "We bless you on your jour-ney through from shel-tering arms to the wide sky blue. In your" are written below the first line. The second line of music continues the melody, with chords Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, and F indicated above. The lyrics "joy - ful jumps and your sad times too, you bless us by be-ing you." are written below the second line.

## SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY

Musical notation for the Song of Hope for Jazz Sunday. The first line of music is in 8/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "From all that dwell be-low the skies" are written below the first line. The second line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Let songs of hope and faith a - rise" written below. The third line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Let peace, good-will on Earth be sung" written below. The fourth line of music continues the melody, with the lyrics "Through ev -'ry land by ev -'ry tongue" written below.

September 13, 2026

## We Are the Wave

Welcome to First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, where we are exploring the themes of *creation* and *destruction* 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.*

**♪ Shall We Gather at the River (#1046)**

**♪ Whoever You Are (inside cover)**

**Chalice Lighting (inside cover)**

**♪ Song of Hope (inside cover)**

**Greeting**

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### Deepening    **Wisdom Story *Florence: The Hurricane That Stayed***

**Children's Blessing & Recessional**

**♪ Hallelujah** by Mamuse / arr. Adam Podd

**Sermon & Prayer**

**Water Ceremony**

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### Connecting    **Offering**

**♪ *We Are the Wave*** by Harry Belafonte / arr. Vince Peterson

*We are the wave, we are the flow,  
we are the wind, and soon the rock must go.*

**Announcements**

**♪ Be Open** by Debbie Nargi-Brown

**Chalice Extinguishing (inside cover)**

**Benediction**

# 1046 Shall We Gather at the River

$\text{♩} = 120$

C G7

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have  
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil-ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev' - ry bur-den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will

G

trod, — with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing  
 spray, — we will walk and wor - ship e - ver, all the  
 down. — Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -  
 cease, — soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

G7 C F

by the — throne of — God?  
 hap - py — gold - en — day. Yes, we'll gath - er at the  
 vide a — robe and a crown.  
 mel - o - dy of — peace.

C G C

riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful — riv - er,

Shall We Gather at the River - 2

gath-er with the saints\_ at the riv - er that flows by the throne of \_ God.

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (F major/D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Nada Te Turbe

1047

♩ = 72

Spanish: Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te  
Noth-ing can troub - le, noth-ing can fright - en.

The first system of the musical score for 'Nada Te Turbe' is shown. It is in 4/4 time. The key signature is one flat (F major/D minor). The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the staves.

qui'en a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
Those that seek God shall ne-ver go want-ing. Noth-ing can troub - le,

The second system of the musical score for 'Nada Te Turbe' is shown. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

na - da te es-pan - te Só - lo Dios ba - sta.  
noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

The third system of the musical score for 'Nada Te Turbe' is shown. It concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the staves.

**Sermon** Rev. Micah C. Ma

**Wisdom Story** Elizabeth Ann Terry, Director of Religious Education

**Music Director** Adam Podd

**Announcements** Tyrone Davis, Jr, Membership Coordinator

**Worship Associate** Bob Bero

**Lay Pastoral Minister** Michelle Kuchuk

**Livestream Producer** Lukas Bauer

**Online Host** Charlotte Hoogenboom

**Mystical Reading** by Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese-American writer and poet

**Music Notes:**

Greetings! Adam Podd here (Director of Music) to welcome you to another program year of life-giving music as part of worship at First U Brooklyn. The choir returns to their regular schedule this week, singing every Sunday morning. If you're interested in joining this great choir, it's easy - just email Adam ([adam@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:adam@firstubrooklyn.org)).

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**Today in Religious Education:**

**Today is an All Ages service for grades 1-9**

*Activity Packs are available for little ones*

**Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11AM-12:30PM**

Drop off to the 50 Monroe Classroom. Pick up after the service.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**



Your child/children must be registered in order to participate in our programs. Use the QR code to Register your child today!

**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.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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*Join us for fellowship in the undercroft, following the service.*

## **Today at First Unitarian:**

### **Faith in Action Expo, following Worship – 2:00pm**

Grab a coffee and head over to 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! Undercroft, Chapel, and Frances White Room.

### **Today we launch the Congregation-Wide Ministerial Search Survey.**

It is open until October 3, and can be accessed directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FUUB>. Computers will be set up downstairs today and search committee members will be available to answer any questions. The survey is also available via the QR code.



## **Looking Forward:**

### **Sunday, September 20th, 12:45 PM, The Women's Leadership Alliance**

is having its welcome back meeting, election and luncheon in the Frances White Room. Join us for some good conversation and program planning for the upcoming year. The late departed feminists Gloria Steinem and Dolly Parton (Dolly Parton was a feminist?!) are sure to be a part of the conversation. Those who are interested can find the WLA in Realm or contact Beth at [beth.evans.is@gmail.com](mailto:beth.evans.is@gmail.com) directly.

### **Join Our Soul Matters Facilitator Team!**

We are seeking small group facilitators for our **Soul Matters** spiritual sharing circles ([soulmatterssharingcircle.com](http://soulmatterssharingcircle.com)). Soul Matters groups meet monthly to foster deep listening, personal reflection, and sacred connection. No prior experience is necessary! Rev. Scott Tayler, founder of Soul Matters, is offering a 2-hour online training covering conversation tools and small group dynamics to help you lead with confidence. *The \$20 registration fee is fully covered by the church.* **Ready to help nurture this powerful ministry?**

Email Cyndi Kerr at [cyndikerr@gmail.com](mailto:cyndikerr@gmail.com) today! Training Dates (Pick One):

Tue, Sept 22 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET

Sat, Sept 26 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

### **Thursday, October 1st, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, BIPOC Affinity Group Meeting**

Are you looking to meet, gather, ponder, and fellowship with other congregants of color? Join us for our first meeting of the program year on Thursday, October 1st, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM! Meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings are for anyone who identifies as a person of color. If you'd like to attend or have any questions, please reach out to Tyrone for the virtual meeting

link: [tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:tyrone@firstubrooklyn.org)

**Oct. 24th: Bids, bites, and boos! The Spring Auction you love is now a Halloween fall fest.** Costumes, dinner, and drinks are on the menu. Mark your calendars! More details creeping up soon... Email [Spencer@firstubrooklyn.org](mailto:Spencer@firstubrooklyn.org) with items/experiences/dinners to donate, questions, or interest in getting involved!

**Save the Date: Sunday, October 25 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Community Recycling Event.** Electronics & Textiles. Pierrepont St between Clinton St & Monroe Pl

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### **Calling All Techies!**

The congregation uses a lot of technology to help us all stay connected. We are looking for volunteers to help us with everything from IT to AV. If you have a love of gadgets and gizmos, and are looking for a way to get more involved with the congregation, you're probably a great fit!

Would you like to know more? Send an email to Michael Dore at [mcdore@gmail.com](mailto:mcdore@gmail.com)

### **Help Plan a Diwali Service!**

Do you identify as Hindu, whether through your culture or religious practice? Do you want to help plan a Diwali-themed Worship Service? Rev. Micah is seeking Hindu-affiliated Members and Friends of First U to help plan a Service on November 8th to coincide with Diwali! Please get in touch with Rev. Micah for more details, [micah@firstunitarianbrooklyn.org](mailto:micah@firstunitarianbrooklyn.org)

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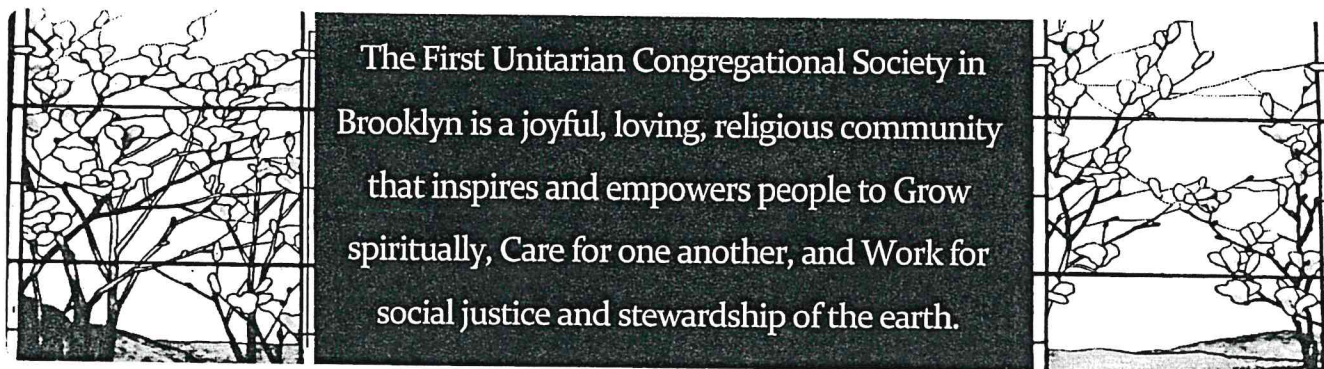
### **Share the Plate: The Ministers Discretionary Fund**



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

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### **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.

**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, we invite you to come and connect with them.

We very much want to hear from you.

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