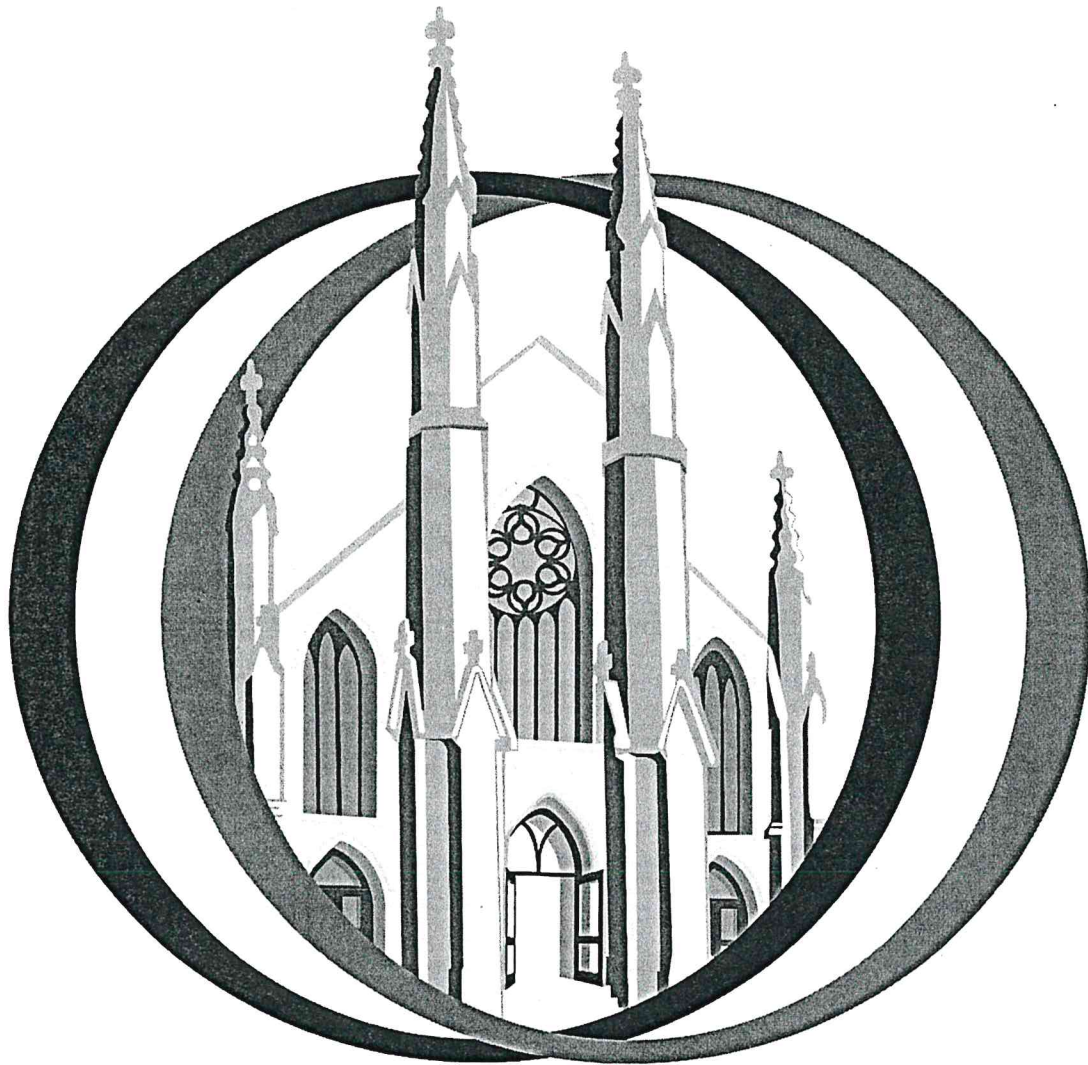




FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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.

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 "CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL" in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "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." Chord symbols are written above the staff: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, C, Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F.

SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY

Musical notation for "SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY" in 6/8 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The lyrics are: "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." The notation includes various musical symbols such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

November 1, 2026

Welcoming the Ancestors

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

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.

♪ **In Sweet Fields of Autumn** (#52)

♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Halloween Parade!**

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

♪ **Requiem** by Giacomo Puccini

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Reflection

Welcoming the Ancestors

♪ **Abide With Me** (#101)

Connecting **Offering**

♪ **Saturn** by Sleeping At Last

Announcements

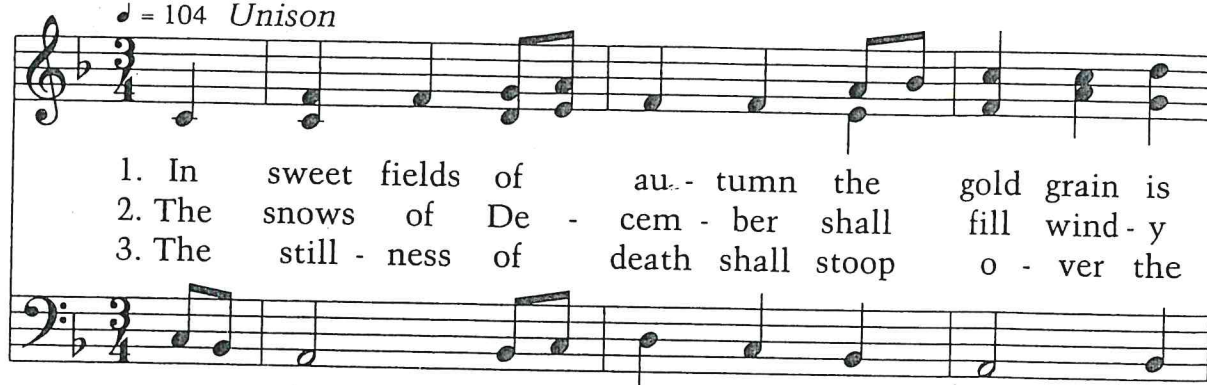
♪ **Breaths** (#1001)

Chalice Extinguishing (inside cover)

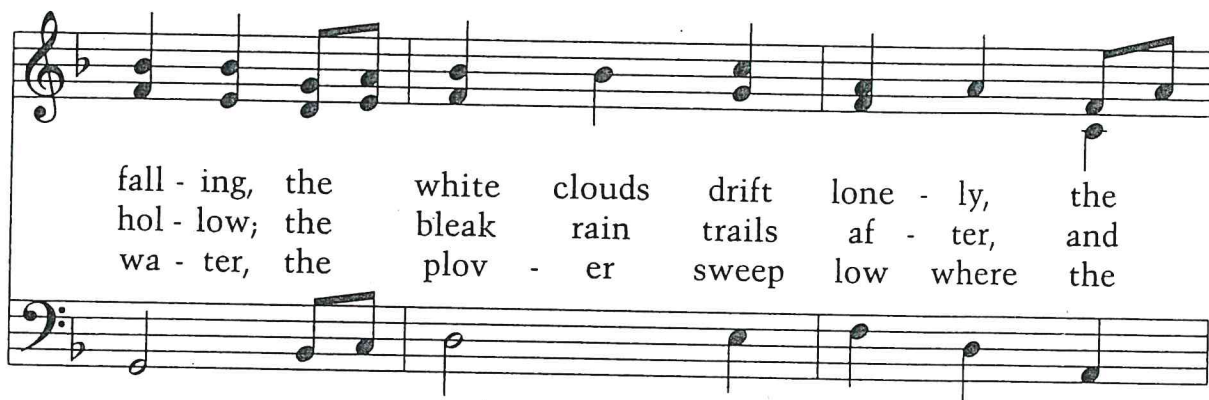
Benediction

In Sweet Fields of Autumn

♩ = 104 Unison



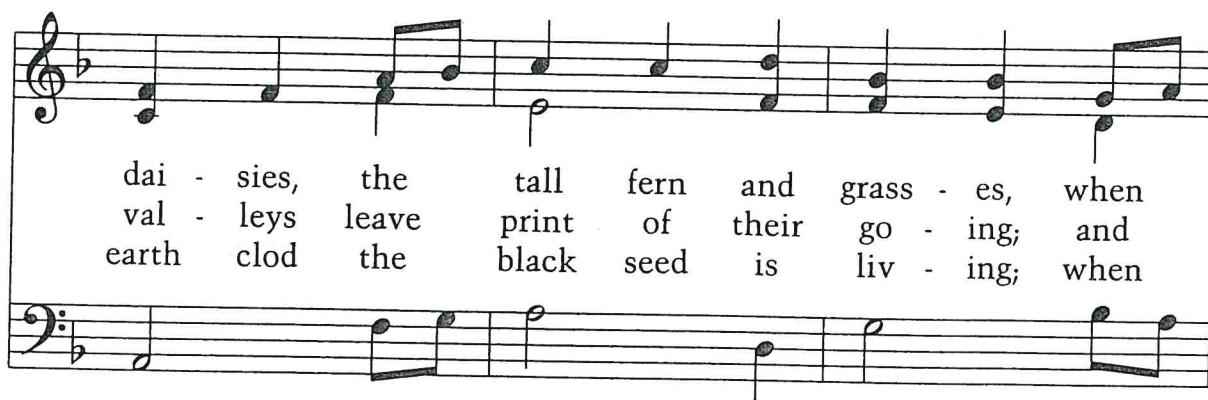
1. In sweet fields of au- tumn the gold grain is
 2. The snows of De - cem - ber shall fill wind - y
 3. The still - ness of death shall stoop o - ver the



fall - ing, the white clouds drift lone - ly, the
 hol - low; the bleak rain trails af - ter, and
 wa - ter, the plov - er sweep low where the



wild swan is call - ing. A - las for the
 March wind shall fol - low. The deer through the
 pale stream - lets fal - ter; but deep in the



dai - sies, the tall fern and grass - es, when
 val - leys leave print of their go - ing; and
 earth clod the black seed is liv - ing; when



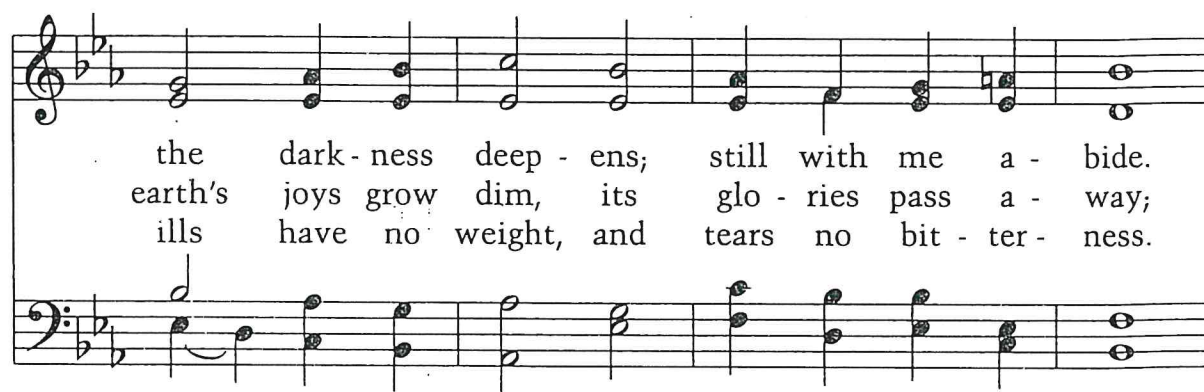
wind - sweep and rain - fall fill low - lands and pass - es.
 dia - monds of sleet mark the ridg - es of snow - ing.
 spring sounds her bu - gles for rous - ing and giv - ing.

Abide with Me

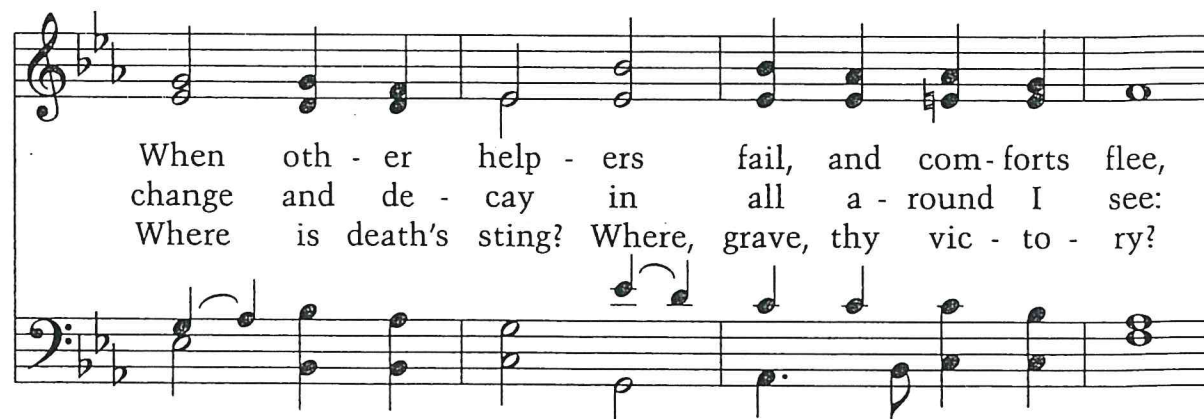
$\text{♩} = 126$



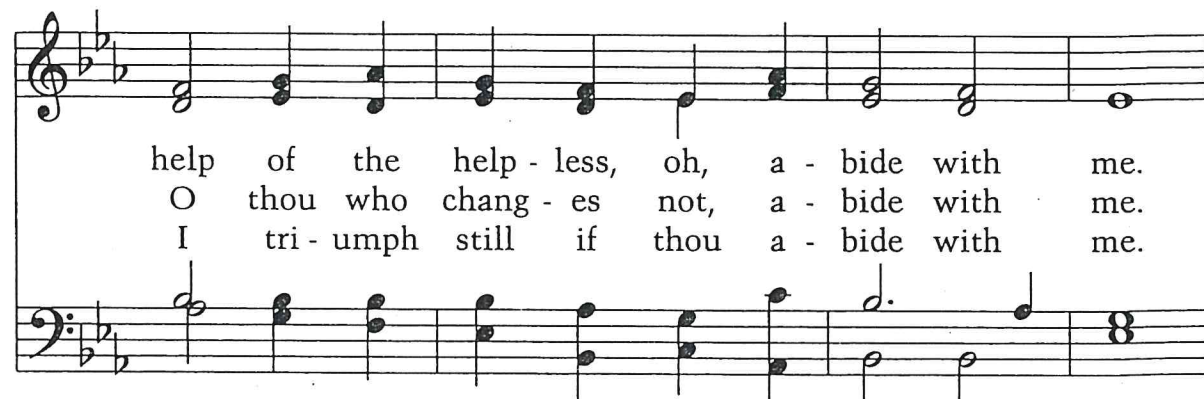
1. A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;



the dark - ness deep - ens; still with me a - bid e.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



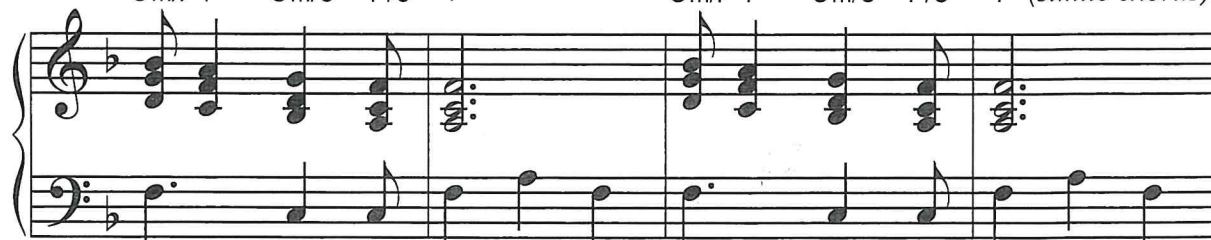
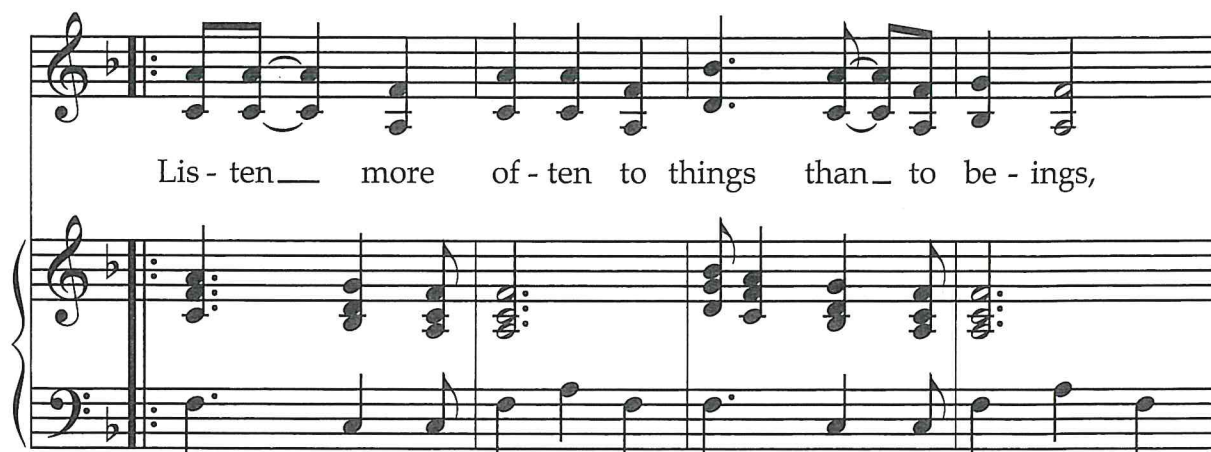
help of the help - less, oh, a - bid e with me.
 O thou who chang - es not, a - bid e with me.
 I tri - umph still if thou a - bid e with me.

1001

Breaths

♩ = 115

F

Gm/F F Gm/C F/C F Gm/F F Gm/C F/C F (*simile chords*)

Note: Lower voices may sing piano bass on: dum, da, da, dum, dum, dum.

Breaths - 2

An - ces - tor's breath when the fire's ___ voice ___ is heard, 'tis the

An - ces - tor's breath in the voice of the wa - ters. Zah

To Coda Last Time Φ

___ Whsshh Aahh Whsshh 1. Those who have
2. Those who have

Breaths - 3

died have ne - ver, ne - ver left. The dead are not
died have ne - ver, ne - ver left. The dead have a

C Dm/G C7 Gm/F F Gm/C F/C

un - der the earth. They are in the rust - ling
pact with the liv - ing. They are in the wom - an's

F

trees, they are in the groan - ing woods, they are in the cry - ing
breast, they are in the wail - ing child, they are with us in our

Breaths - 4

grass, they are in the moan - ing rocks. The
homes, they are with us in this crowd. The

dead are not un - der the earth. So
dead have a pact with the liv - ing. So

C Dm/G C7

Repeat ad lib. and dim. Fermata is only used on the last repeat.

Whsshh Aahh Whsshh Zah

F Gm/F F Gm/C F/C Fine Gm/F F Gm/C F/C

Fine

Reflection/Worship Leader Octavia Findley
Wisdom Story Elizabeth Ann Terry, Director of Religious Education
Music Adam Podd, Director of Music
Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Worship Associate Bob Bero
Lay Pastoral Minister Beth Zehe
Livestream Producer Lukas Bauer
Online Host Charlotte Hoogenboom
Connections Table Host(s) Caroline Ghigliotty & Cyndi Kerr, Board Co-President

Mystical Reading by Sappho

Music Notes:

Giacomo Puccini's *Requiem* was written to commemorate the death of Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi.

Fung Chern Hwei, viola / violin

Ben Thornewill, soloist (Saturn)

Today in Religious Education:

Activity Packs are available for little ones

Nursery, Toddler, Pre-K / 11AM-12:30PM Drop off to 50 Monroe Classroom. Pick up after service.

Grades K-6, HALLOWEEN PARTY Following the Parade!
McKinney Chapel

OWL, Grades 7-8, 11 AM – 12:30 PM, Third Floor Teen Room

HS Youth Group, Grades 9-12, 12:30-1:30, Third Floor Teen Room

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Your child/children must be registered in order to participate in our programs. Use the QR code above to register your child today!



All are invited for fellowship in the undercroft, following the service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **Newcomers Orientation, 12:45-2:00 pm. In the Library**

All are welcome to join Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator, for this introduction to Unitarian Universalist history and theology. We will meet in the library.

❖ **Queer Community @ First U, 12:45pm-2:15 pm. Frances White Room**

Members of the Ministerial Search Committee will be joining the QC meeting. The MSC is interested to know what the group's hopes, wishes, and concerns may be regarding the next minister. Please join us for this important conversation. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, to join, or to share an event please email queercommunity-admin@firstubrooklyn.org

❖ **WLA Presents Documentary Film "Why Are You You". 12:45 pm. In the Sanctuary**

All are welcome to join the Women's Leadership Alliance for a showing of the documentary film "Why Are You You." The film explores the history of a UU program from the 1980's that empowered adolescents to make positive change in the world. This event is part of the WLA year-long program series on Women Through the Lifespan. There will be a short discussion after the film featuring a WLA member who participated in the YRUU program.

❖ **Ministerial Search Committee Small Group Discussions Today:**

Online / Zoom Participants: At 12:45 on the Online Service Zoom Link.

Queer Community: At 12:45 in the Francis White Room.

Looking Forward:

❖ **Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30-8:00 pm, Brooklyn UU's for Justice in the Middle East Monthly Meeting (BUUJME), hybrid.**

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 enter through the door at 50 Monroe and go up to the third floor to the Teen Room. If you would like the online meeting link, have never been to the space before, or have questions about accessibility, Please contact odaykate@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting Date: Sunday, November 8th

Please join us for our upcoming Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 8th**. We have an important and encouraging agenda ahead, including updates and reports on key areas of our congregational life.

Agenda Highlights: - Opening Words - Search Updates - Façade Updates - Financial Report - New Website Launch & Realm - Leadership Development Committee - General Assembly Report Back

We look forward to gathering together to share updates and ask questions.

Please mark your calendars!

Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

❖ **Sunday, November 15th, 2:00 pm The Great Kitchen Clean-Up!**

The Kitchen has gotten THREE new appliances: an induction range, a double oven, and a refrigerator. Now it's time for us to channel our inner Marie Kondo and join the Facilities Committee in cleaning up our new and improved kitchen, just in time for Thanksgiving, UniFair - and beyond. Gloves, spray cleaners, cloths, paper towels; and brooms will be provided. Sign up using the QR Code.



UniFair CHAIRS NEEDED!

We're excited to kick off our annual tradition! The community is looking for two co-chairs to lead this important event. Please reach out to any member of the board if you are interested in participating. UniFair is an all hands on deck event that has raised close to half a million dollars for our congregation since it started more than 40 years ago. There are tasks for every ability. We need donation sorters, set-up and clean-up teams, bakers, and sellers.

Ministerial Search Small Group Discussions Looking Forward - Sign up w/QR

- **First Unitarian Brooklyn Jewish Affinity Group:** Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 pm. On Zoom. Contact: Beth Evans
- **BIPOC Group:** Thu, Nov 5, 6:30 pm On Google Meet. Contact: Tyrone Davis Jr.
- **Social Justice Committee / Immigrant Solidarity / BUUJME:** Tue, Nov 10, 8-9 pm on Google Meet. Contacts: Kate O'Day and Ian Holmes



There is one Open Group Meeting available on Sunday, November 8th at 10 am.

Share the Plate: The Miriam Campobasso Fund

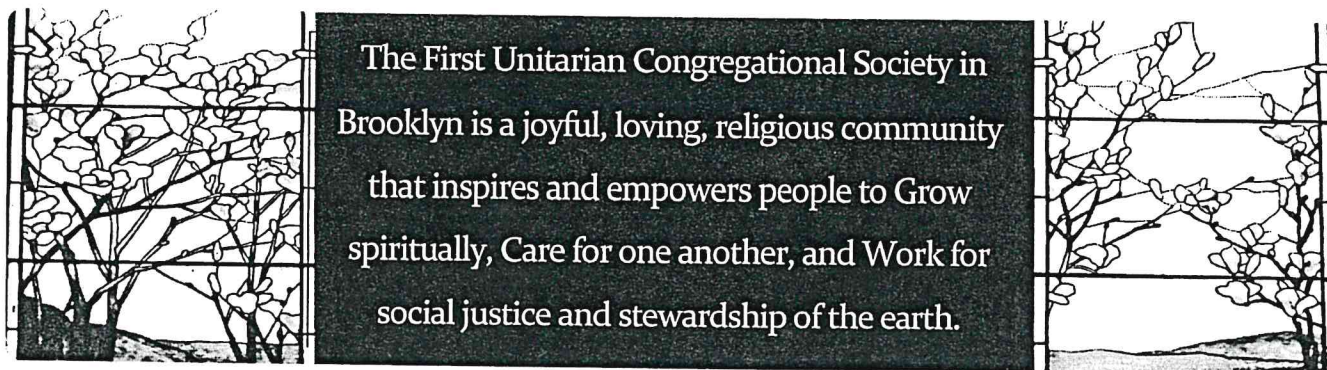


The Miriam Campobasso Fund makes grants to any woman who meets the following criteria: has a medical issue, the treatment of which is creating an emotional, financial or logistical drain; is member of the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn or of the Women's Leadership Alliance, and has a specific financial need.

The fund was created in memory of Miriam Campobasso, a longtime member of First U and the Women's Leadership Alliance. As of 2026, our funds are at a historic low and support from the First U community is needed to maintain its mission.

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.



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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