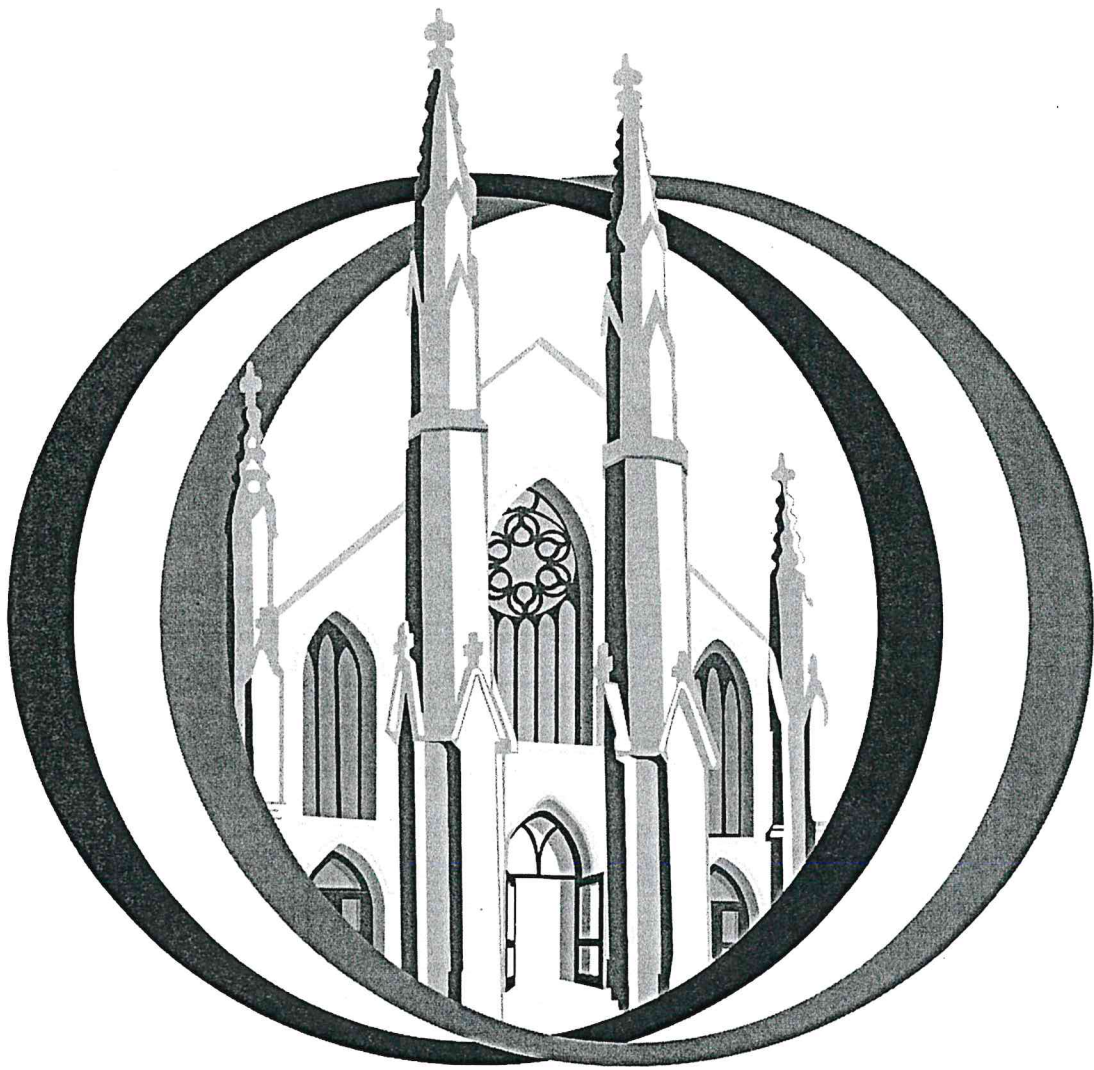




FIRST UNITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, F/A, Bb, F, F, F/A, Gm7, C, Dm, C/E, F, Gm7, Am7, Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F. 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."

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. 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".

October 4, 2026

When You're Here, You're Home

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

 **There's a River Flowin' in My Soul (#1007)**

 **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

 **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening **Wisdom Story** | *I Love You Because I Love You*

Words by Muon Thị Văn, Art by Jessica Love

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Candle Lighting | *Wayfaring Stranger* (Traditional)

 *Be Here, Be Still* by Melissa Monforti

Sermon

 **Enter, Rejoice and Come In (#361)**

Connecting **Offering**

 *Home* by Phillip Phillips

Announcements

 **Come, Come, Whoever You Are (#188)**

Chalice Extinguishing (inside cover)

Benediction

1007

There's a River Flowin'
in My Soul*Slow gospel feel* ♩ = 120

E^b E^b7 A^b/C E^b B^b7

There's a riv-er flow-in' in my soul. heart. mind.

E^b E^b/G B^b

There's a riv-er flow-in' in my soul. heart. mind.

B^b7 E^b E^b/G E^b/B^b G

And it's tell-in' me that I'm some-bo-dy.

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul - 2

Cm A^bsus2 E^b A^b E^b

— There's a riv-er — flow-in' in my heart. soul. —
mind. —

1, 2 3 *Sing this section several times* A^b

There's a riv-er flow-in'. There's a

Last time E^b A^b E^b

riv-er flow-in' in my soul.

361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

$\text{♩} = 112$

1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2. O - pen your ears to the song.
 3. O - pen your hearts ev - 'ry - one.

En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 O - pen your ears to the song. To - day will be a
 O - pen your hearts ev - 'ry - one.

joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

4. Don't be afraid of some change.
 Don't be afraid of some change.
 Today will be a joyful day;
 enter, rejoice, and come in.

5. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
 Enter, rejoice, and come in.
 Today will be a joyful day;
 enter, rejoice, and come in.

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

188

$\text{♩} = 56$

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②

Come, come, who - ev - er you are, wan - der - er,

③

wor - ship - er, lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van

④

of de - spair. Come, yet a - gain come.

Words: Adapt. from Rumi, 1207-1273

⊕ Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, 1963-

PILGRIMAGE
Irregular

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **Queer Community 12:45-2:15. Frances White Room**

Kick off the fall season with our first Sunday gathering of the new congregational year as we come together for fun and friendship. Join us for discussions and share your ideas and passions for QC events that you'd love to plan for this year and beyond. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, to join, or to share an event please email queer_community-admin@firstubrooklyn.org

❖ **Newcomers Orientation 12:45-2:15. In the Library**

All are welcome to join Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator, for October's Newcomer's Orientation. In it, we discuss some basics of Unitarian Universalist history and values, as well as First Unitarian's own history, which dates back to the 1800s. We will meet in the library.

❖ **Soul Matters, 12:30-2:00 PM. Eastman Room 2nd Floor**

Looking for deeper connection with others, with your own life, and with what matters most? Join us for Soul Matters, a monthly small group experience built on deep, intentional listening. Each month, you'll receive a reflection guide with thoughtful questions, readings, and exercises to explore at your own pace before we gather to share, honor each other's stories, and grow together. Come try an introductory "taste" session to experience our format of active listening and reflection. Whether you want quiet space for yourself or closer ties within our community, there is a seat at the table for you.

Just join us- no registration necessary. First Meeting in October.

Ready to Sign up for a Soul Matters Group? <https://forms.gle/GYyFUQyLH2BFvW5A9>

Looking Forward:

❖ **Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30-8:00 pm Brooklyn UU's for Justice in the Middle East Monthly Meeting (BUUJME), Third Floor Teen Room/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

❖ **Sunday, October 18th, 10:00-10:45, Morning Meditation.**

Offering a quiet space for silent reflection. All are welcome. No previous meditation experience necessary. Contact Peggy Schubert via Realm or at peggyschubert@gmail.com for more information.

Sermon Rev. Micah C. Ma, Interim Minister

Wisdom Story Elizabeth Ann Terry, Director of Religious Education

Music Adam Podd, Director of Music

Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Worship Associate Josh Davidoff

Lay Pastoral Minister ET Boyle

Livestream Producer Lukas Bauer

Connections Table Host(s) Caroline Ghigliotty and Mark Weiss, Board Trustee

Mystical Reading by bell hooks

Today in Religious Education:

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.

Grades K-6, Music with Bert

During the children's recessional, the children will go to the Chapel to meet with Bert for music, games, and children's choir.

Pick up will be in the 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.

❖ **Sunday, October 18th, GARDEN COMMITTEE INGATHERING.**

Our church garden needs plant lovers, gardeners and wanna-be gardeners! In the past few years our garden has suffered under scaffolding, but next year that is coming down and we need to **MAKE A PLAN**. We have so much work to do! But - it is fun work! A garden is good for the soul. It is a group project, that also leaves lots of room for the introverts to find their little niche and run with it. It is a wonderful way to serve our congregation and also the wider community. The agenda will be to create a work calendar for the coming year, prioritize spending needs given our budget, and think about how we want to divvy up work and responsibilities over the coming year as we bring our garden back to life. It's in poor shape, but it will bloom again and it will be a thing of beauty again very soon with our collective efforts. Questions? Contact Catalina Bertani at tanrara@gmail.com

❖ **Saturday, October 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 with items/experiences/dinners to donate, questions, or interest in getting involved!

❖ **Sunday, October 25th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Community Recycling Event**
Electronics & Textiles. Pierrepont St between Clinton St & Monroe Pl.

❖ **Thursday, October 29th, 6:30-8:30 pm, The Salon at First U.**
Vocalists/Musicians (self-accompanied), Poets, Actors, Storytellers, Comedians...we want to hear you! Come share your talent in our cozy & supportive space. Our theme is the *Spirit of Halloween* - whatever that means to you. You can present on theme or not – no pressure. Snacks will be served! **Frances White Room**. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact wendy@firstubrooklyn.org

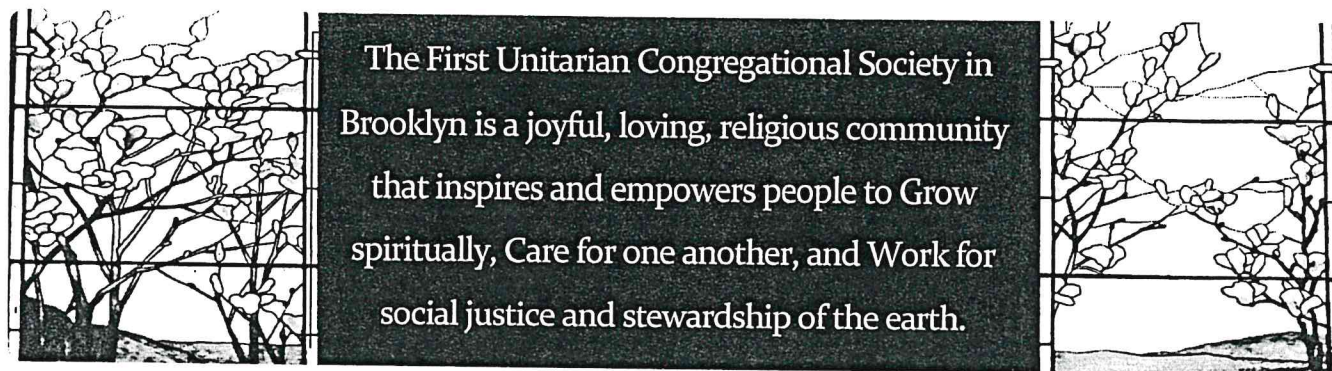
Share the Plate: The MAP - Massachusetts Medical Abortion Project



The MAP is a non-profit, asynchronous telemedicine Shield Law practice in Massachusetts that provides medication abortion care to patients from all 50 states and US territories and those with military and state department addresses.

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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