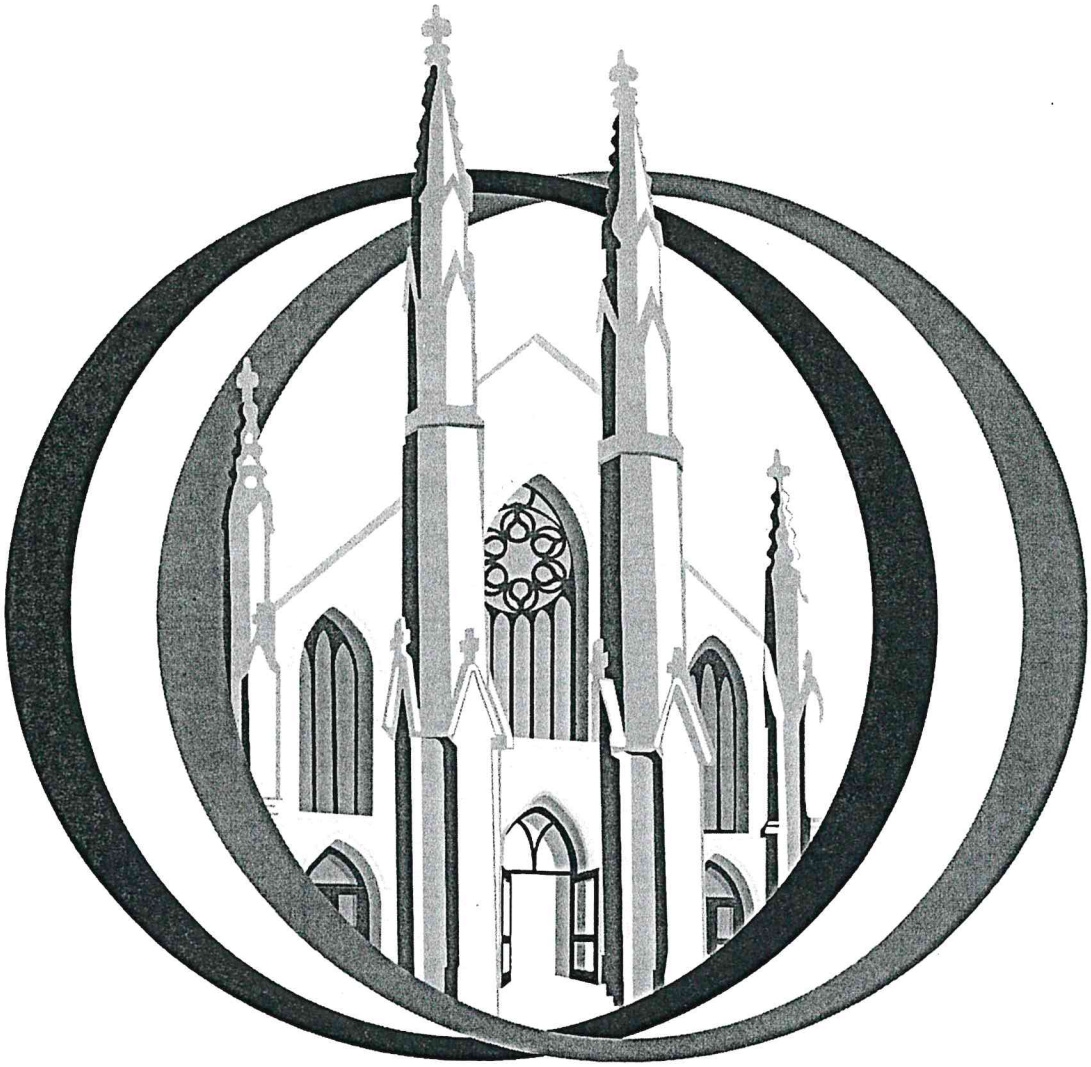


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WHOEVER YOU ARE

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

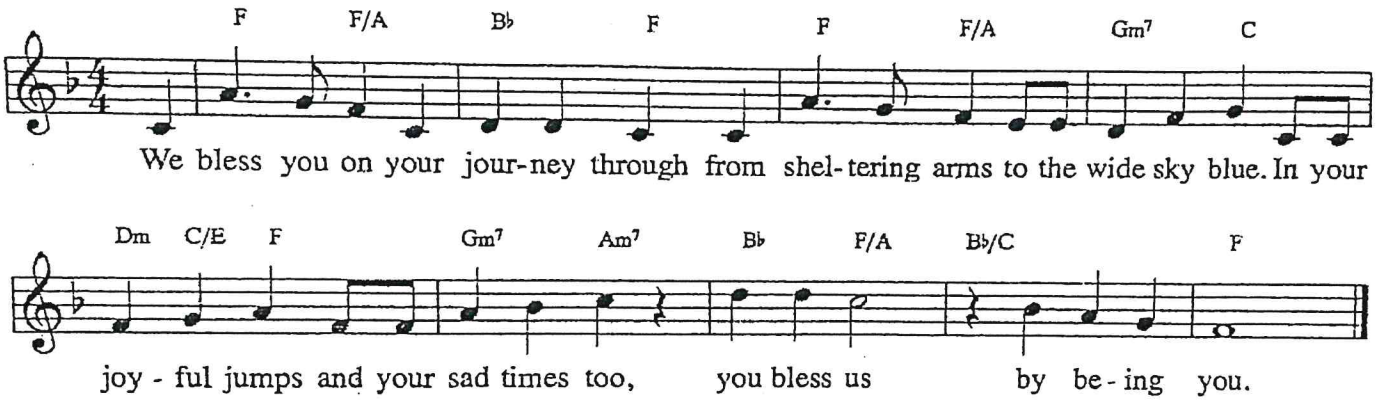
Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here;

Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.

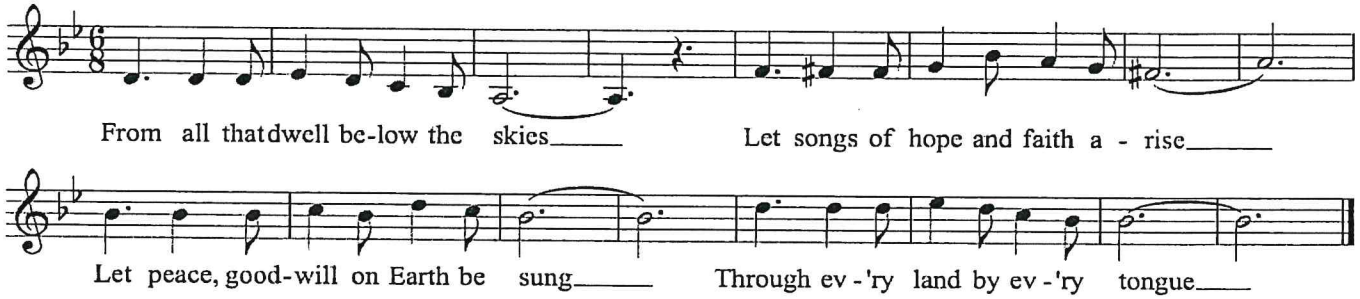
Blessed is the light of the eternal;

Blessed is the sacred call of life to which we give ourselves in answer.

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL



SONG OF HOPE FOR JAZZ SUNDAY



November 8, 2026

Not Just Worshipped, But Adored

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

♪ **Whoever You Are** (inside cover)

Chalice Lighting (inside cover)

♪ **Song of Hope** (inside cover)

Greeting

Deepening

Wisdom Story *The Best Diwali Ever* by Sonali Shah & Chaaya Prabhat/Illustrator

Children's Blessing & Recessional

Silent Meditation & Prayer

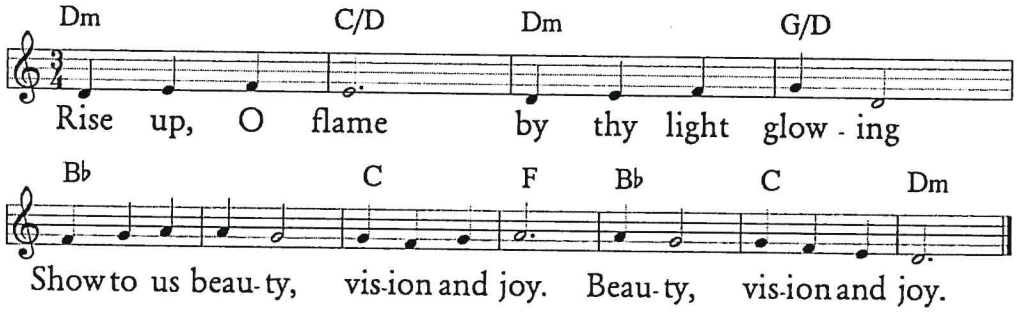
Candle Lighting

Reflection

♪ ***Reunion*** by Anushka Shankar

Reflection

♪ **Rise Up, O Flame** by Adam & Matt Podd



Reflection

Connecting

Offering

♪ ***Sita Ram Sita Ram*** by Agam Sharma

Announcements

♪ **Hari Krishna, Hari Rama**

Chalice Extinguishing (inside cover)

Benediction

Worship Leader Josh Davidoff
Greeting KatyAnna Johnson
Reflections Amit Mehta, Julie Bero
Wisdom Story Elizabeth Ann Terry, Director of Religious Education
Music Adam Podd, Director of Music
Announcements Tyrone Davis, Jr., Membership Coordinator

Worship Associate Paul Robinson
Lay Pastoral Minister Daniel Walters
Livestream Producer Lukas Bauer
Online Host Charlotte Hoogenboom
Connections Table Host(s) Colleen Olson & Luke Messina, Board Trustee

Mystical Reading by Rabindranath Tagore

Music Notes:

Welcome to Second Sunday Jazz Worship. Each month, we bring you a jazz worship service featuring some of the best musicians in NYC, as well as our great choir. Every Sunday, but especially on Jazz Sundays, we invite you to take a moment to recognize the origins of the music that moves you here at First U. Much of it traces back to a Black tradition. We can best honor those traditions by listening with our hearts, responding with our bodies, and opening ourselves up to the depth of expression.

This monthly series is made possible entirely by your donations to the **Julie McKinney Special Music Fund.** Thanks so much to those who donate and have sustained our Second Sunday Jazz programming over the years. You can give at ***fuub.org/musicfund***

Today's musicians include: **Jason Prover**, trumpet / **Skye "Blue" Carranza**, sax & clarinet / **Nathan Ellman-Bell**, drums / **Rob Jost**, bass / **Emily Gaggiano**, soloist (*Sita Ram*) / **James Goward**, sitar

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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, Children's Chapel, McKinney Chapel
Following the Wisdom Story, the children will recess down to 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Today at First Unitarian:

❖ **Congregational Meeting Date, following worship, Sanctuary.**
Please join us for our Congregational Meeting. 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.

❖ **Plastic Reduction Action with the Green Team during coffee hour in the Undercroft.**
Help us put messages in plastic bottles, flatten them and address them to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to demand he stop being a bottleneck for passing the Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA). Let's reduce microplastics in New York State!

Looking Forward:

❖ **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.

❖ **Also on the calendar for Sunday, November 15th:**
- **Soul Matters** w/Linda Guidi & Luke Chu, 12:30-2:30 – Eastman Room
- **Young Adult Ministry**, 12:30-2:30 – Library
- **Shawl Ministry**, 12:30-2:00 – Undercroft
- **Men's Group**, 12:45-2:15 – Frances White Room
- **Religious Education Pageant Rehearsal**, 12:45-2:00 – Sanctuary
- **UniFair Sort**, 1:00-3:30 - Undercroft

❖ **Sunday, November 22nd, Hunger Communion & Community Fast Activities**
On Nov 22, the Sunday before the feast of Thanksgiving, First U will hold our annual Hunger Communion and (optional) fast, accompanied by activities after the service to lead up to our break-fast at sundown. We take this time to remember that there are almost a billion people throughout the world who don't have enough to eat.
The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize our slate of fast activities and break-fast for that afternoon. Please email worship@firstubrooklyn.org if you would like to assist.

❖ **Also on the calendar for Sunday, November 22nd:**
- **Search Committee**, 12:30-1:30 pm – McKinney Chapel
- **Poetry of Doubt & Devotion**, 12:45-2:15 – Frances White Room
- **Religious Naturalism**, 12:45-2:15 – Library
- **Unifair Sort**, 1:00-3:30 - Undercroft

Tuesday, November 10th, 8:00-9:00 pm The Ministerial Search Committee is with the Social Justice Committee / Immigrant Solidarity / Brooklyn UUs for Justice in the Middle East (BUUJME), Contacts: Kate O'Day and Ian Holmes. ***Google Meet.***

We still have a few spaces open for Soul Matters participants on Wednesday evening at First U 6:30-8:30pm. 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. Please email ***elizabeth.zehe@gmail.com*** if you're interested.

Guest at Your Table

Support our partners with UUSC's longest-running program for congregations For half a century and counting, UUSC has worked with faith communities across the country to bring our partners' stories and experiences to your family table. The long-running Guest at Your Table program is a chance to learn about our partners' work and support our shared efforts to advance human rights.

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.

Unifair Re-Use and Re-Cycle 2026

It's Unifair Time! Sign up for sorting, setting up and selling, not to mention baking and decorating. Volunteering at Unifair isn't just about giving back—it's a great opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new faces, and get early inspiration for your own fair shopping!

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.

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Guest at Your Table

Next Door, Across Borders, and Worldwide

The Guest at Your Table program has introduced generations of Unitarian Universalists to our grassroots partners working for justice around the world with your support. This church year, we are honoring the community building of UUSC partners with the theme "Next Door, Across Borders, and Worldwide."



Widlore Mérancourt is a journalist fighting for state accountability and community care in Haiti.



Yulia Kondur is advocating for gender equity and human rights for the Roma community in Ukraine.



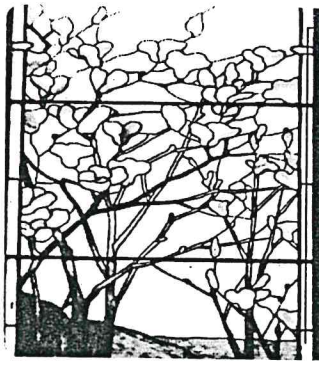
Martha and Alejandro are creating a home for people in migration at Casa Tochán in Mexico.



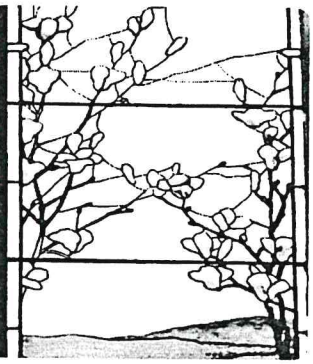
UUs like you are building communities of welcome the Community Accompaniment Program with Asylum-Seekers (CAPAS).

Learn more about our grassroots partners by visiting

UUSC.ORG/GUEST



The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn is a joyful, loving, religious community that inspires and empowers people to Grow spiritually, Care for one another, and Work for social justice and stewardship of the earth.



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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