Our Mission
The mission of First Unitarian Portland is to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision
First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, and inclusion.

Order of Service
Sunday, June 2, 2019 ■ Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Prelude “Gott sei gelobet” Williametta Spencer
*Gathering Hymn #359 “When We Have Gathered”
Chalice Lighting
Welcome “The Opening Doors” John Kramer
Introit Rev. Mary Gear

Call to Worship Rev. Thomas Disrud
*Hymn “That’s What I Believe”
*Responsive Reading “This Making of a Whole Self” Nancy Schaffer
*Doxology #123 “Spirit of Life”
Teacher Recognition Cassandra Scheffman, Director of Family Ministries and Rev. Bill Sinkford

Song of Blessing “As You Go” Signe Lusk, piano
Offertory “December Song” Richard Scher

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer
Silent Meditation
Reading “The Last Good Days” Lynn Ungar
Anthem “Sacred Heart” Ola Gjeilo
Sermon “Counting Our Commitments” Rev. Disrud
Prayer
*Hymn “Life Calls Us On”
Benediction
Postlude “Aurora” Jeanne Cotter

In June, we share our plate offering with The Living Room, a safe haven for GLBTQQ youth ages 14–20 in Clackamas County. The Living Room supports GLBTQQ youth through drop-in activities, events school support, and community education.
TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

Membership Enrollment Ceremony. If you’re ready to become a member, bring your completed enrollment and pledge forms. Enrollment kits are located in our literature racks. Details: 10:30 a.m., Channing.

Teacher Appreciation Celebration. Join us in Daisy Bingham after each service for strawberry shortcake to celebrate our teachers and youth advisors who have volunteered in the Learning Community this year. Teachers and their families are free and plates for everyone else are $3/each. Gluten-free and vegan options available. Sponsored by the Religious Education Committee.

Rally with Youth for the Right to a Livable Future! Tuesday, June 4. Join others from First Unitarian at 1 p.m. in front of Eliot Chapel to walk together. Wear yellow tees/bandanas.

LEARNING COMMUNITY

Register for UU Chalice Summer Day Camp. Join us for a week of community building, nature exploration, spiritual practice, and lots of fun, all grounded in UU values and principles. Options include leadership training for youth to be youth counselors or aides. Registration closes Monday, June 24, or when all spaces are filled. Check your email or pick up a flyer in Buchan to get registered.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration

Pick Up a New Summer Paths to Engagement Publication! Available at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fuller.

Mindful Movements for Everyone. Combined with a blend of world music, each class has a theme that will guide you through a simple intention for your practice. Fee: $10 per class or six class series discounted at $55. Details: Thursdays, June 6, 20, July 11, 18, and Aug. 1, 15, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Advanced registration appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome. Pay online or cash/check at the door.

Pie and Poetry. Each poet brings a pie and other attendees are asked to bring a book of poetry for the church library. Thursday, June 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Art & Nature: An Interactive Workshop. Connect with the sense of the sacred that nature can provide. Details: Saturday, June 29, 11-3 p.m. For more info, visit firstunitarianportland.org/registration

What are Your Talents? Are you interested in leading a class, workshop, or community gathering this fall in service to First Unitarian, or would you like to refer engaging teachers from our broader community? We’d love to hear more! Email Kerry (preferably by early July) with a brief description of your idea: kheintze@firstunitarianportland.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speaking of Justice’s Sixth Issue on Youth Speak. Find the link in the Front Steps e-News or subscribe here: www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/

White Supremacy in Oregon: History and Current Issues. We’ll delve into our state’s history and current realities to build an understanding that will help us develop a better future. Sliding scale fee: $40, $55, or $75. Registration required. Details: Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, and 30, 6:30–9 p.m. RSVP requested.

#AllEyesOnJuliana Trial Speaking Tour and Vegan Potluck. June 6, 6:30-9 p.m. in Eliot Chapel and Channing. Come meet 3 leaders of the climate fight movement! Sponsored by UU Ministry for Earth, Community for Earth and UU Animal Ministry.

Do you love to edit and have a passion for social justice? Our Speaking of Justice: Faith in Action e-mag is looking for one or two more congregants for our editorial team starting late summer. Please write to dbuhl@firstunitarianportland.org if you are interested.

OTHER NEWS

Summer Services Begin June 9. We’ll shift to our summer worship service schedule on June 9, when we’ll have one service beginning at 10:15 a.m. That Sunday will be Community Sunday, when we’ll recognize graduating seniors from high school, name the UU of the Year, and celebrate Flower Communion. We will remain at one service through Labor Day weekend.

Join us to Ordain Mira Mickiewicz! This is a special event in the life of the church, since in Unitarian Universalism it is the members of the congregation who hold the power to ordain ministers. Sunday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Eliot Chapel. Dessert reception to follow. RSVP requested for arrangements: bit.ly/MiraOrdination.

Your PC Expertise Is Needed! Our Archives Committee is seeking a computer-savvy volunteer who can commit approximately 6 to 8 hours per month, ideally Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, managing our consolidated inventory secure. Call Ron Jamtgaard at 503-297-6240.

Film Extras. Looking for members to participate. The film is based on the memoir of Kate Birdsall. Filming June 6, 6:30-9 p.m. Contact: lacy@lakeproductions.org.

June Art Wall. Susan Cunningham is showing her acrylics. Most of this series was created in Mexico.

Beacon Bookstore. We have new books to help us understand the transgender experience, terminology, and gender studies, as well as great cards for Father’s Day and graduation. Green Buddhism is now available ahead of Stephanie Kaza’s talk about her new book.

Please Recycle Your UU World Magazines. Drop off only recent issues at the Newcomer Table or the office.

Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday’s Service. For details about giving flowers for the chancel, contact