



Order of Service

Sunday, August 18, 2019 ■ Summer Services at 10:15 a.m.

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.



Our August plate collection will be shared with Don't Shoot Portland. Their community action plan embodies a monthly free legal clinic for tenants, a children's art and social justice council, a clothing tree, community meals, as well as Know Your Rights and bystander intervention training.

***Gathering Hymn #188** "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Testimony

Vivien Lyon

Call to Worship

Matt Meyer

*Hymn

"Song of Alleluia"

*Responsive Reading

"Bring All That You Are"
Angela Herrera, Adapted

*Doxology #123

"Spirit of Life"

Story for All Ages

"The Story of Samba"

Matt Meyer

Offertory

"Oye Mi Gente"
Peace Poets

Matt Meyer

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

Silent Meditation

Reading

"Love That Surprises"

Hymn

"Where You Go, I Will Go"

Anthem

"Show Us How to Love"
Mark A. Miller

Summer Choir
DeReau Farrar, Director

Sermon

"Love the Hell Out of This World"

Matt Meyer

Prayer

*Hymn #1007

"There's a River Flowing In My Soul"

Benediction

Postlude

"Improvisation"
Matt Meyer

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

Summer Sunday Reflection. Our lay ministry team will be offering an opportunity to come together after the service to reflect on what has moved you as part of that experience. Gather in Channing at 11:30 a.m.

Songleading for Justice. You will build skills and confidence for leading music in worship or in the streets. **Details:** 12–11:30 p.m. Drop-ins welcome! No charge, but donations are appreciated.

Oregon Initiative Petition for Safe Gun Storage. The petition is available at the Peace Action Table. Signature deadline is early September 2019. Do your part to stop gun violence!

First Share! Bring your overabundance of produce and flowers to exchange at the First Share table in Fuller Hall. Everyone is welcome to take something home!

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Interested in Becoming a Learning Community Teacher? Join us right after the service in Daisy Bingham to learn more about how you can volunteer, inspire, and connect with our community's youth.

Learning Community 2019-2020 Registration Is Now Open! If you are a returning family, check out our website to find our online form. Questions? Contact [learning.community.pdx \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:learning.community.pdx@gmail.com).

Summer Sundays. We offer childcare for our youngest ones during the service. For families with older children who may not be ready to sit through the whole service, we offer livestreaming of the service in Daisy Bingham room for families. There will be tables with games and space to move around. The Parker Room, also with livestreaming, is always available as well.

Summer After-Service Childcare. Childcare after service is available by reservation only. If you have an event or meeting after service and need childcare, contact your staff point person or Nikki, [nbeezley \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:nbeezley@firstunitarianportland.org). We request two weeks' notice.

■ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

First Unitarian Rahab's Sisters Meal Preparation Team. We'll prepare a full meal for 120 plates of food and get to know each other in the process. No cooking experience necessary. For more information visit firstunitarianportland.org/registration or pick up a Paths to Engagement Program Guide located throughout the church. Thursday, Sept. 26, various times and locations available.

Art Journaling as Spiritual Practice. Creating art as spiritual practice allows us to tap into our inner selves and experience the sacred. No prior art experience necessary. Saturdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 1–4 p.m.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Skill-building Workshops with Dr. David Campt! Final Week to Register! Register at http://bit.ly/ctc_wat or call our office.

Connection Trumps Conflict. Saturday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. Learn how to have persuasive conversations on political issues that matter to you.

White Ally Toolkit: Mini-Workshop, Friday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. and **Going Deeper,** Saturday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Two chances to learn how to talk effectively about race with the "racism skeptics" in your life.

Portland Peace Team Training. Learn how to apply effective de-escalation tactics. Once you've gone through the training, the Peace Team can call on you to help provide security for community events. **Details:** No charge. Saturday, Sept. 14, 10–1 p.m. Advanced registration required.

■ OTHER NEWS

Abigail Clauhs's Ordination. Palliative care chaplain Abigail Clauhs will be ordained as one of our community ministers at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24. Find more details and RSVP at bit.ly/AbigailOrdination.

Women's Circle III. Now welcoming new members. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 10–11:30 a.m. Contact Dorothy at 503-292-1337.

August Art Wall. The Art Wall Committee is featured. Come down and see how varied their work is.

Beacon Bookstore. We have books available for allies to better understand the experience of transgender individuals. Copies of *Green Buddhism*, authored by church member Stephanie Kaza, are also available.

Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday's Service. To give flowers for the chancel, contact Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner \[at\] comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner@comcast.net).

First Unitarian Neighborhood Connections. Our rideshare program helps match riders with drivers and is organized by ZIP code. To learn more, contact Maina Ptolemy 503-803-8992 or [mainaaptolemy \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mainaaptolemy@gmail.com).

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

Naming First Unitarian in Your Will. Help assure the long-term sustainability of this beloved congregation by including The First Unitarian Church Foundation in your will. Contact Erin at [etafuri \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:etafuri@firstunitarianportland.org).

Update Your Church Contact Info Online. Go to the Contact link (upper right corner) on the First Unitarian homepage (www.firstunitarianportland.org). Click the Contact Information Update Form.

Sunday Welcoming Volunteers Needed. Would you like to play a crucial role in helping newcomers and visitors feel welcome and comfortable? Volunteer to join our Sunday Welcome Desk. Contact Ed McClaran at 971-279-2778. Join the Newcomer Table volunteer team and help make that very important first impression.