



Order of Service

Sunday, August 25, 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 #347**

"Gather the Spirit"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Introit

"Strong"
arr. Mac Huff

Summer Choir
Sterling Roberts, Director
Signe Lusk, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Mira Mickiewicz

***Hymn #170**

"We Are a Gentle Angry People"

***Responsive Reading**

"Children of the Age"
Wisława Szymborska
(trans. Clare Cavanaugh and Stanislaw Baranczak)

***Doxology #123**

"Spirit of Life"

Offertory

"True Colors"
Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Sterling Roberts, baritone

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

Silent Meditation

Hymn #1011

"Return Again"

Reading

"I Had a Bad Dream" (excerpt)
Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajaje

Anthem

"Would You Harbor Me?"
Ysaye M. Barnwell

Sermon

"The Body Political"

Rev. Mickiewicz

Prayer

***Hymn #1017**

"Building a New Day"

Benediction

Postlude

"Sanctus"
John Leavitt

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

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

Rev. Mira's Last Sunday as Summer Minister. Join us right after the service in Margaret Fuller Hall for a reception. Thank you, Mira, for your ministry here!

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.

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.

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? Contact Aaron at [apeet \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:apeet@firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

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 will prepare a full meal for 120 plates of food and get to know each other in the process. For more information, 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.

Transforming Hearts: Welcoming in Congregations.

First Unitarian Portland's Lay Ministers will facilitate this program for allies. This course, which explores gender and welcoming at church, was created by transgender Unitarian Universalists with UU congregations in mind. No charge. Saturdays, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Religions of Abraham. Religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all trace their origins to the prophet Abraham. This course will explore how these faiths share his inspiration. Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Advanced registration required.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Immigrant Justice Meeting. Watch short films and discuss consequences of immigration policy. Sept. 4, 2-3:30 p.m. in A-108.

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 a.m.-1 p.m. Advanced registration required.

Mental Health Survey. The Mental Health Action Group (MHAG) would like to know your thoughts on mental health at First Unitarian. Find the survey here. bit.ly/MHAGsurvey.

■ OTHER NEWS

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. In the wake of the latest mass shootings, the UUA is recommending two books our bookstore carries: *Bullets into Bells* and *Guns Don't Kill People, People Kill People (and Other Myths)*.

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).

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.