



Order of Service

Sunday, September 15, 2019 ■ Services at 9:15 and 11:15 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 September plate collection will be shared with Rahab's Sisters, to create community with those marginalized by poverty, houselessness, sex work, violence, or substance use. The heart of Rahab's Sisters is the community created together every week.

*Gathering Hymn

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Dana Buhl
Director of Social Justice

Introit

"If My People"
Brandon Waddles

Chancel Choir
DeReau Farrar, Director

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

*Hymn #351

"A Long, Long Way the Sea-Winds Blow"

*Responsive Reading #614

"The Sacred Hoop"
Black Elk, adapted

*Doxology #123

"Spirit of Life"

Blessing of the Board of Trustees

Kathy Ludlow
Board Moderator

Offertory

"Summerland"
William Grant Still

Joe O'Donnell, organ
Signe Lusk, piano

Parish Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Dana Buhl

Silent Meditation

Hymn

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Reading

"Marginal Wisdom"
Leslie Takahashi

Anthem

"Man in the Mirror"
arr. DeReau K. Farrar

Sermon

"A World of Difference"

Rev. Sinkford

Prayer

*Hymn #1040

"Hush"

Benediction

Postlude

"Cumbia y Congo" from *Five Dances*
William Grant Still

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

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

First Day of Classes. Learning Community classes for children and youth begin today. Registration tables are available for returning families and visitors.

Social Justice Sunday Kick-off. Every third Sunday, we'll gather with songs and family friendly programming to affirm our congregational commitment to justice. September will highlight radical hospitality. 1:30–3 p.m., Buchan Reception.

Tamale Plate lunch. Come purchase a plate each third Sunday of the month. Then join our Social Justice Sunday gathering. 12:45–1:30 p.m., Buchan Reception.

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

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Interested in Becoming a Learning Community Teacher? Contact Cassandra at [cscheffman \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman@firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

Learning Community 2019-2020 Registration Is 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).

Sunday Afternoon Childcare. Childcare offered for all ages from 1–3 p.m. while you attend an event or meeting at church. Request care for your child(ren) at the Eliot Info Desk by 1 p.m. that day. Staff are released at 1 p.m. if care has not been requested by then.

■ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mindful Movements for Everyone. Have you ever wanted a spiritual practice that is dynamic? This practice is for all bodies, ages, and abilities. \$10 per class. Drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21, 5:30–6:30 pm. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Nourishing the Spirit: Practice for the Long Haul with Rev. Katherine Jesch. Saturday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Removing the Mystery: Gender Diversity 101. This workshop is designed to assist in a better understanding of gender and its impact on gender diversity, and transgender children. Intended as a broad overview and introduction suitable for all adults who are new to this topic. Proceeds benefits TransActive. \$15, \$25, or \$35. Details: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30–9 p.m. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

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. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Transforming Hearts: Welcoming in Congregations.

Our 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.

What in the World. Join Andy Simon for an engaging series on Western Philosophy. No charge. Tuesdays, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 7–9 p.m. Advanced registration required: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Global Climate Strike. Join Portland youth to demand climate action Friday, Sept. 20. UUs will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Eliot Chapel steps. Wear yellow. Visit the Community for Earth table in Margaret Fuller Hall for details.

Poets at the Table. Join the Committee on Hunger & Homelessness (COHHO) for a fundraiser to support Clay Street Table, which feed the downtown homeless. Sunday, Sept. 20, 4–6 p.m., Buchan Reception. RSVP: [paul.claystreet \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:paul.claystreet@gmail.com).

■ OTHER NEWS

UU Board Forum. Come and meet members of the Board of Trustees. Bring your questions about the church, the Board, and its work. Details: Sunday, Sept. 29, 12:30 p.m., B-101.

Learning and Serving. Interested in finding connection and serving in our beloved community? Come and find out ways to serve in a variety of volunteer roles for all ages in the congregation. That could include being an usher to serving coffee in social hour, or singing in one of our choirs. After both services in Margaret Fuller Hall, Sunday, Sept. 29.

Music Staff Recital. Join Music Ministry between services in Eliot Chapel, Sunday, Sept. 22. We begin the series with our organist, Joe O'Donnell, and works by Leo Sowerby and Russell Woollen.

Beacon Bookstore. A new church year, a new selection of books. Wellspring books are in stock; books to support our focus on the transgender experience; and wonderful new children's books.

Expired ChinookBooks. Share your last minute coupons after each service in Margaret Fuller Hall, Sunday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6. ChinookBooks and apps are now on sale at our bookstore.

September Art Wall. Stan Carpenter's photography is featured. Come see the dramatic shots of architecture, landscape, and nature.

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 503-803-8991 or [mainaaptolemy \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mainaaptolemy@gmail.com).