



Order of Service

Sunday, September 22, 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**

"Here Together"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Introit

"Hand in Hand"
Rollo Dilworth

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

***Hymn #318**

"We Would Be One"

***Responsive Reading #576**

"A Litany of Restoration"
Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley

***Doxology #123**

"Spirit of Life"

Offertory

"Vespers"
Steven Dobrogosz

Joe O'Donnell, organ

Parish Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sinkford

Silent Meditation

Hymn #359

"When We Are Gathered"

Readings

"Words Matter"
Rev. Carol Thomas Cissel

"Active Hope," excerpts
Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone

Anthem

"The Road Home"
Stephen Paulus

Sermon

"All Are Welcome! Hmm... Really?"

Rev. Cissel

Prayer

***Hymn**

"Here Together"

Benediction

Postlude

"Voluntary in D"
William Selby

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

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

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

First Share to End Next Sunday! Bring your overabundance of produce and flowers to exchange at the First Share table in Margaret Fuller Hall. Sept. 29 will be the last Sunday for the season.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Interested in Becoming a Learning Community Teacher? We still need teachers for preschool age, 1st/2nd grade, and 3rd/4th grade. Contact: [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 is 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 no one has requested care 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. 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 is necessary. Saturdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 1–4 p.m. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Transforming Hearts: Welcoming in Congregations. 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. Registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

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

Poets at the Table. Join the Committee on Hunger & Homelessness (COHHO) for a fundraiser to support Clay Street Table, which feeds the downtown homeless. Sunday, Sept. 29, 4–6 p.m., Buchan Reception. RSVP: [paul.claystreet \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:paul.claystreet@gmail.com).

10th Annual Pumpkin Sale. Join us in Margaret Fuller Hall or in Buchan after each service on Sunday, Oct. 6 for your \$5 pumpkin to benefit our Immigrant Social Justice group. If your family would like to pick pumpkins on Oct. 5 please contact Evie at 503-704-2889.

■ OTHER NEWS

Welcome Back! New Year for Board. Your Board is already busy. Check out the September Moderator's Letter to see what we have planned. <https://www.firstunitarianportland.org/september-2019-moderators-letter/>.

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.

Quarterly Congregant Budget Review. Congregants are invited to attend the Finance Committee's quarterly financial review meeting immediately following first service. Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m. Eliot Chapel.

Q&A Session with Bill Sinkford. Join Rev. Bill Sinkford in Eliot Chapel for another in a regular series of Q&A sessions. After a brief update on developments at the church, he will respond to the questions you bring about the church or about our faith. Sunday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m., Eliot Chapel.

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).

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