



Order of Service

Sunday, September 29, 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 #1000**

"Morning Has Come"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

Introit

"Home to Me"
Reed Criddle

Women's Choir with
Karen Mouser-Darr, soprano
John Boelling, Director

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

***Hymn #188**

"Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

***Responsive Reading #477**

"Forgive Us"
Vivien Pomeroy, adapted

***Doxology #123**

"Spirit of Life"

Testimony

Breanna Taylor

Offertory

"Reflections"
Penny Rodriguez

Signe Lusk, Piano

Parish Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Disrud

Silent Meditation

Hymn #1011

"Return Again"

Reading

"Feast on Your Life"
Derrick Walcott

Anthem

"Hashivenu"
traditional, arr. Doreen Rao

Sermon

"Though You've Broken Your Vows"

Rev. Sinkford

Prayer

***Hymn #323**

"Break Not the Circle"

Benediction

Postlude

"Winter Moon"
Jeanne Cotter

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

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

UU Board Forum. Come and meet members of the Board of Trustees. Bring your questions about the church, the Board, and its work. 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.

Poets at the Table. Join the Committee on Hunger & Homelessness (COHHO) for a fundraiser to support Clay Street Table, which feeds the downtown homeless. 4–6 p.m., Buchan Reception.

First Share Ends Today! Come to the First Share table in Margaret Fuller Hall after each service to exchange flowers and produce.

Expired ChinookBooks. Share your last-minute coupons after each service in Margaret Fuller Hall. ChinookBooks and apps are now on sale at our bookstore.

■ 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 FORMATON

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.

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

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

IJAG Monthly Meeting. We will have opportunities to share, followed by a video, *Maricela's Story: Standing with Farm Workers against Gender Based Violence*. Wednesday, Oct 2, 1:30–3 p.m., Channing.

Bystander Intervention Workshop. Learn how to safely intervene as a bystander to de-escalate the threats that many of our community members endure daily. Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., room A-108

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

First Connections Returns. Designed with newcomers to the church in mind (but everyone is most welcome), First Connections is a way to get to know others in the church, to learn how things work here, and make connections. First Connections will be offered between services beginning at 10:30 a.m. and concluding in time to get to the second service, around 11:05 a.m.

Next Sunday, Oct. 6. What Does Membership Mean? Come and learn what it means to be a member of First Unitarian. Why take that step? There will also be a chance to sign the membership book and become an official member.

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/>.

Alliance Program. *Behind the Scenes at First Unitarian* features the admin staff of First Unitarian. Brown bag lunch in Buchan at 11 a.m. (\$3) and program in Eliot Chapel. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 12:30–1:30 p.m. RSVP to [allianceRSVP \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:allianceRSVP@firstunitarianportland.org) or call Jean Omelchuck at 503-493-9412.

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.