



# Order of Service

Sunday, November 17, 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.

Flowers are given in honor of Susan Robinson, grandma extraordinaire and frequent UU visitor and volunteer, for her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We love you, Nana!



Our November plate collection will be shared with Portland United Against Hate (PUAH). PUAH believes that everyone and every community deserves a safe, prosperous, and peaceful life, a life free from hate and harassment.

## \*Gathering Hymn

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

## Chalice Lighting

## Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

## Introit

“Dig a Little Deeper” from *The Princess and the Frog*  
Randy Newman

## Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

## \*Hymn

“Down By the Riverside”

## \*Responsive Reading

“Love Is the Only Magic”  
Patrick Murfin, adapted

## \*Doxology #123

“Spirit of Life”

## Pastoral Concerns and Prayer

## Silent Meditation

## Did You Know?

Rev. Disrud

## Hymn #1017

“Building a New Way”

## Story for All Ages

“No Less a Miracle”  
Barbara Fast, adapted

Rev. Sinkford

## Hymn #1017

“Building a New Way”

## Homily

“Not About the Bread”

## Each of Us and All of Us

“Love On Top”  
Beyoncé Knowles

## Thanks and Praise

## \*Hymn

“I’ll Fly Away”

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Hurricane Season”  
Troy ‘Trombone Shorty’ Andrews

Main Street Brass Band

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

## ■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

**Celebration Sunday Brunch.** Join in the post-service potluck brunch that will follow Celebration Sunday, when we come together and make our financial pledges for the coming year. Come and celebrate our community in Margaret Fuller Hall.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance Interfaith Vigil.** Featuring local spiritual leaders (including Rev. Bill Sinkford and Rev. Mira Mickiewicz) live music, and a candle lighting service for the fallen. 4 p.m. Eliot Chapel. Reception will follow service from 5:30–7 p.m., Buchan Reception.

## ■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

**Interested in Becoming a Learning Community Teacher?** We still need teachers for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact: [cscheffman \[at\] firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman@firstunitarianportland.org) for more information.

**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.** A joyful practice for all bodies and abilities. \$10 and drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, Nov. 21, 5:30–6:30 pm. Registration: [firstunitarianportland.org/registration](http://firstunitarianportland.org/registration).

**Death Café.** Our objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their lives. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1–3 p.m. No charge. Advanced registration: [firstunitarianportland.org/registration](http://firstunitarianportland.org/registration).

**Living with Loss: How Will I Get through the Holidays?** Rev. Wendy Fish and Kristin Guest will offer support through the grief process. Sundays, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and 15. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration required: [firstunitarianportland.org/registration](http://firstunitarianportland.org/registration).

**Gentle Yoga in the Evening.** We focus on spine health, energy renewal, and community. Drop-ins, \$12 pay at door, Monday or Wednesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Bring your own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

## ■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Speaking of Justice's Eighth Issue on What Does White Supremacy Culture Have to Do with UUs?** New issue on Oct. 28. Find the link in the *Front Steps* e-News or subscribe here: [www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/).

**Understanding Homelessness in Downtown Portland.** This educational forum for people who live, work, study, or own a business in downtown Portland. Lunch provided. Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Margaret Fuller Hall. Register on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

**The Arc of Capitalism Does Not Bend Toward Justice. We Must Bend It.** Join author Les Leopold talking about *Runaway Inequality: An Activist's Guide to Economic Justice*. Saturday, Nov. 23, 6–9 p.m., Eliot Chapel. Details: <http://www.ejag.org/events.html>.

**LGBTQIA+ Pride Holiday Party.** You are invited to our white elephant holiday finger food potluck party! Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Buchan Reception. No alcohol. For more information or to volunteer, visit our Pride table located in Margaret Fuller Hall after service.

## ■ FIRST CONNECTIONS

**Sunday, Nov. 24. Social Justice 101.** Come and learn about our Social Justice program and the many ways to get involved and engage in justice work with fellow congregants. Led by leaders of our social justice program. 10:30 a.m. B-102.

**Sunday, Dec 1. What Does Membership Mean?** Come and learn about 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 to become an official member. 10:30 a.m., Channing.

## ■ OTHER NEWS

**Greens Sale Alert.** Join us between services for items for your home and gift wreaths. Bring your checkbook/credit card and your address list for gift wreath recipients. Sunday, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Margaret Fuller Hall and Buchan Atrium.

**Beacon Bookstore.** The 2019 UUA in Spirit Meditation Manual has just been released: *Spilling the Light* by Teresa Soto. We have many other volumes in this series, including *To Wake, To Rise* by Rev. Sinkford. Each title is just \$8.

**November Art Wall.** The watercolors of Susan and Ron Spears are featured. They use watercolor as a dynamic medium, trying to portray the essence of nature with a freshness of spirit.

**Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday's Service.** The holidays are a great time to remember loved ones and family by sponsoring chancel flowers. 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).

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

**SNOW? ICE? FREEZING RAIN?** If an event, class, or rehearsal has been cancelled, check the church website, Facebook, or call the church office at 503-228-6389 and listen to the recorded announcement for details. Remember, your good judgment is your best guide!