



Order of Service

Sunday, January 12, 2020 ■ 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.

Text and translations for choral music in our services are on our website under Worship/Music and Arts.



Our January plate will be shared with the Oregon Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Our contribution will help send 300 poor and impacted Oregonians to the Mass Poor People's in Washington, D.C. in June 2020.

*Gathering Hymn #1028	"The Fire of Commitment"	
Chalice Lighting		
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Introit	"I've Been in the Storm So Long" arr. Jeffery Ames	Chancel Choir with Hannah Ordun
Call to Worship		Rev. Mira Mickiewicz
*Hymn #124	"Be That Guide"	
*Responsive Reading	"Love Dogs" Mevlana Rumi, trans. Coleman Barks	
*Doxology #123	"Spirit of Life"	
Testimony		Ameena Amdahl-Mason
Offertory	"Maitland" from <i>Starry Crown Suite</i> Lynn Peterson	Joe O'Donnell, organ
Pastoral Concerns and Prayer		Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Hymn #87	"Nearer, My God, to Thee"	
Reading	Nehemiah 9:16-17, 26-28 (NRSV)	
Anthem	"Precious Lord" arr. Arnold Sevier	
Sermon	"Unabandoned by Grace"	Rev. Mickiewicz
Prayer		
*Hymn	"The Tide Is Rising"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Zadok the Priest" George Frideric Handel	Signe Lusk, piano
*Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.		

Flowers are provided by Patricia Rimmer for the enjoyment of the congregation.

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

UU Board Forum. Come and learn more about our senior minister transition process, after each service at 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., Eliot Chapel.

Pop-Up Pantry: Getting Involved! Interested in volunteering for our new on-campus food pantry program? Come to this informational meeting hosted by Committee on Hunger and Homelessness. 10:30–11:15 a.m., Channing.

Younger Adult Potluck Brunch. We'll gather for food and fellowship. Drop-ins welcome. 12:30–2:30 p.m., B-102. Childcare is provided starting at 1 p.m.

Cambodia Service Program Report. Learn more about their volunteer program in Cambodia. Sponsored by Peace Action Group. Refreshments provided. 12:30–1:30 p.m., Daisy Bingham.

Social Justice Council Webinar Watch Party for the Launch of the UUtheVote. Come learn with fellow congregants about the UUtheVote campaign and how we can enhance our electoral organizing. 1 p.m., B-101.

Peace Prayers at Peace Action Group Table. The military escalation with Iran has shaken many of us to our core. Join us in Margaret Fuller Hall after services to write and share your prayers for peace that will be draped on a winter peace branch. Now is the time to join our hearts and hopes together!

Support Human Rights Considerations in Investment Decisions. Come to the UUJME table in Margaret Fuller Hall to sign a petition to place a business resolution on the agenda for the 2020 UU General Assembly.

Chinook Book Sale. \$20 at our Beacon Bookstore, or buy your app for \$12. All monies go to our Social Justice committees.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Potluck and Chinese New Year Performers. Sunday, Jan. 26, 12:30 p.m. Learning Community families are invited to a finger foods potluck immediately following classes from 12:30–1 p.m. in Buchan Atrium followed by a performance from the Lee's Association Dragon and Lion Dance Team and Rainbow Bridge School (new this year!) at 1 p.m. in Eliot Chapel.

Child Dedication. A ceremony that welcomes infants and children into the First Unitarian community. Church membership is required. Contact Cassandra Scheffman, Director of Family Ministries, by Thursday, Feb. 6 if you want more information or would like to participate. Email: [cscheffman\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman[at]firstunitarianportland.org).

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

Seminary for a Day: *Spiritual Practice for Difficult Times*. Join us for a day of workshops, music, and exploration with Rev. Robert Hardies from All Souls Church in Washington, D.C., and many other Unitarian Universalist teachers. Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Lunch provided. For more information visit: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Igniting Voices: A Celebration of Transgender Lives and Stories. Saturday, Feb. 22. Performances from 3–4:30 p.m., followed by a community night market supporting local transgender agencies and businesses from 4:30–6 p.m. Advance registration is appreciated.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Racism, Trauma, and Healing. Recognize the signs of trauma from racism, learn how to better understand institutional racism, and develop personal healing-centered strategies. Free, but donations welcome. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2–5 p.m., Margaret Fuller Hall.

Queer Pride Movie Night. Come enjoy a masterpiece of cinema, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch!* Saturday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m., Buchan Reception. LGBTQ+ individuals only; Contact: Jerrad at [jerradsmail\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jerradsmail[at]gmail.com).

Celebrating Portland African Diaspora: The Stuff Dreams Are Made of. Celebrate MLK Jr. Day with Portland visual and performing artist Bobby Fother. Sunday, Jan. 19, 1–3 p.m., Buchan Reception. Dora's Tamales will be sold before the event in Buchan Atrium.

Quilts for Empowerment Sale. Proceeds go toward strengthening self sufficiency and support for Kenyan women who are survivors of obstetric fistula surgery and survivors of sexual abuse. After services. Sunday, Jan. 19, Margaret Fuller Hall. Africa Connections is hosting.

■ OTHER NEWS

Thanks from the Alliance to Everyone Who Shopped Our Annual Greens Sale. We'll let you know soon how much we raised and we'll let you know in March how your contributions are distributed to social service agencies who request funds from us.

January Art Wall. Photographs can help us focus and see the world we know so well in new or different ways. The black-and-white images of Adrian Kuester help us do just that.

Beacon Bookstore. During January and February, we are featuring adult and children's books to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and other books that highlight the value of diversity in our world.

Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday Services. To give flowers for the chancel, contact Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner[at]comcast.net).

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!