



First Unitarian Portland  
*Order of Service*

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:30 a.m.

March 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Pluralism"

Gathering Hymn — #1010

"We Give Thanks"

Welcome

Rev. Alison Miller

Special Element

Zap the Gap Too

Auction Team & K-1 class

Chalice Lighting

Voluntary

"Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite"  
— George Frideric Handel

Chancel Choir  
DeReau Farrar, Director

Call to Worship

Rev. Thomas Disrud

Hymn — #189

"Light of Ages & Nations"

Responsive Reading

"Remember"  
— Joy Harjo

Doxology

"Spirit of Life"

Time for All Ages

"Green Pants"  
— Kenneth Kraegel

Rev. Leah Ongiri, Acting  
Director of Lifespan Faith  
Formation & Family Ministries

Hymn of Blessing

"Fly"

Offertory

Joe O'Donnell, organ

Pastoral Concerns & Prayer

Rev. Miller

Silent Meditation

Reading

"Candles"  
— Carl Dennis

Voluntary

"Where You Go"  
— Ashi Day

Sermon

"Telling a New Story"

Rev. Disrud

Prayer

Hymn

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Benediction

Postlude

Joe O'Donnell, organ

# A Glimpse of Upcoming Gatherings

Subscribe to our weekly "Front Steps" for FULL church updates, links, events, and special information: [tinyurl.com/enews-signup](https://tinyurl.com/enews-signup).

## Happening Sunday 3/17/2024

**Free Parking Every Sunday** in the U-Park across the street until 4p. First-come first-serve

**Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Location: A103 Nursery

**Social Hour:** After the service // Buchan Reception

**Welcome Circle:** Right after the service // Gather at the Sanctuary's front right corner

**First Connections:** After the service // Downstairs in Daisy Bingham

**It's Foundation Month!** Please stop by our information table in the Lobby to learn more.

**First Connections:** Noon in Daisy Bingham.

## First Unitarian ALL-CHURCH Democracy Fair

Engaging our UU Values to Deepen Democracy

**Noon // Location:** Buchan Reception Hall

We'll gather with food and song. You can then attend workshops focusing on important tools for protecting our democracy: Witness, Advocacy, & Organizing, and Education.

## Consider Including First Unitarian in Your Estate Plan

**Be a part of growing our endowment.  
Be part of the Church's financial future.**

March is Foundation Month at First Unitarian Portland. Stop by our table in the lobby to learn how you can join our Foundation Legacy Society. Help ensure our church remains a strong and active part of the lives of future generations through a planned gift. // [Info](#)

## Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

**Alliance Presents...** Every first WED of the month @10:30a in Eliot Chapel.

**Art Wall Exhibition:** Come down to Fuller Hall and enjoy a wide variety of art each month!

**Beloved Community of Color:** Every second THURS evening and fourth SAT morning of the month. [Email them for more info.](#)

**Caregivers Support Group:** Open to Newcomers. Fourth SUN of each month at 9a [via Zoom](#).

**First Connections:** Third SUN of each month @12p in Daisy Bingham.

**First Steps:** First SUN of each month @12p in Channing.

**Friday Vesper Services:** from 5 - 5:40p [via Zoom](#).

**Labyrinth:** Most second Sundays of the month in Buchan Reception Hall.

**Loving Kindness Meditation:** [resumes on Zoom](#) Mondays from 8-8:30p.

**Mental Health Caregivers Group:** Second Wednesdays every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. [Email them for more the link.](#)

**"T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering:** meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Channing Room at noon.



Navigate to the [Front Steps](#) or [Church Calendar](#) for more information on gatherings: [beacons.ai/firstupdx](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx)

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Please feel free to add a note to direct your donation to a specific effort.

**Need help locating a room?** Ask an usher with a red name tag! They'd be happy to help.

### Our Mission

First Unitarian aims 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, & inclusion.

### March Shared Plate

The [Leaven Community Land & Housing Coalition](#) is an interfaith collective that grows neighborhood capacity to stabilize our communities so that all people in Oregon may find a home.