



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:30 a.m.

March 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Pluralism"

Gathering Hymn — #1046

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Welcome

Kathryn Estey

Chalice Lighting

Voluntary

"One"
— India Simpson

Chancel Choir with
DeReau Farrar, Director

Call to Worship

Danielle Garrett, Intern Minister

Hymn — #159

"This is My Song"

Responsive Reading — #662 STLT

"Strange and Foolish Walls"
— A. Powell Davies

Doxology

"Spirit of Life"

Special Element

Foundation Testimony

Ed McClaran & Cindy Cumfer

Offertory

"Cantabile"
— Arthur Foote

Joe O'Donnell, organ

Pastoral Concerns & Prayer

Kathryn Estey

Silent Meditation

Hymn

"There's a Wideness"

Reading

"Ode to Dirt"
— Sharon Olds

Voluntary

"And the Sparrow" - Caroline Shaw

Sermon

"Embracing Pluralism, Deepening Democracy"

Danielle Garrett

Prayer

Hymn

"Completely Yes"

Benediction

Postlude

"Ternary" in F# Minor
— Garrett M. Bond

Garrett Bond, piano

A Glimpse of Upcoming Gatherings

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

Happening Sunday 3/24/2024

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

Childcare 6mo-3yrs: Location: A103 Nursery

● **Special Activity Family Game Day with New Moon:** 10:30 am - Noon // B302-303

Social Hour: After the service // Fuller Hall

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

T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering: Noon // Location: Channing

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

First Connections: Noon in Daisy Bingham.

Congregant Budget Meeting

12:15p 'til 1:45p // Location: Eliot Chapel

Website Redesign & Creative Roundtable ✨🎨

Noon - 1:15p // Location: Buchan Reception Hall

This roundtable discussion is **open to creatives, collaborators, and researchers** interested in proposing and implementing ideas to help us achieve our goal of reimagining our digital presence.



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

Your donations support the work of this church. Thank you! Please feel free to add a note to direct your donation to a specific effort.

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.

Consider Including First Unitarian in Your Estate Plan 🌱

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

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](#)

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.