First Unitarian Portland

Order of Service

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | In-person or Livestream | 10:15 a.m.

November's Spiritual Theme: "Tending"

Gathering Hymn #1064	"Blue Boat Home"	
Welcome		Jen Thomas, Dir. of Congregational Life
Chalice Lighting		Lewis
Call to Worship		Rev. Alison Miller
Reverse Offering Testimonies		Rev. Miller & Lewis
Learning Community Procession #413	"Go Now in Peace"	
Testimonial	"Brighten the Light"	Sammy & Ginny Kaufman
Campaign Update		Rev. Miller, Josh & Jennifer Leitner
Anthem	"Take Care of This House" Leonard Bernstein	Radiance Choir; Alan Bahm, Cello Joe O'Donnell, Piano Dr. Daniel Bassin, Director
Church Happenings		Dana Buhl, Dir. of Social Justice
Offertory	"Little Study" from *Album for the Young* Robert Schumann	Joe O'Donnell, Piano
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Jen Thomas
Silent Meditation		
Doxology #123	"Spirit of Life"	
Reading		Dana Buhl
Anthem	"Rondo for Lifey" Leonard Bernstein	Dr. Daniel Bassin, Trumpet Joe O'Donnell, Piano
Sermon	"Fire of Commitment"	Rev. Miller
Hymn 1028	"The Fire of Commitment"	
Benediction		Rev. Miller
Postlude	"Carillon de Longpont" Louis Vierne	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.*

This Sunday:

CELEBRATE
CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

Please join together in Fuller Hall after Sunday's service for sparkling cider, cupcakes, and fellowship as we celebrate and say thank you to everyone whose generosity helps our community thrive and **Brighten the Light!**

- Childcare 6mo-3yrs during the service: A-103 Nursery.

Shower Project Needs

Your donations of these specific items will make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your support!

We always need: Men's jeans/sweats (size 30-36), hoodies & sweatshirts, sturdy shoes like sneakers or day hikers for men & women, backpacks, bottled water. Items can be left in the COHHO bins in Fuller Hall.

Direct monetary donations are also welcome!

Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

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

Loving Kindness Meditation is Back: Mondays from 8-8:30p via Zoom.

Caregivers Support Group: Open to Newcomers. Fourth Sunday of each month at 9a via Zoom.

First Steps: First Sunday of most months @11:45a following service in Channing (A101).

Friday Vesper Services: from 5 - 5:40p via Zoom.

Mental Health Caregivers Group: Second Wednesdays every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. Email.

"T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, Exclusive Gathering: Meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Channing Room after the service.

Alliance Presents: Most first Wednesdays of the month @10:30a in Eliot Chapel.

DONATE

Navigate to the Front Steps or Church Calendar for more information on gatherings: linktr.ee/FirstUPDX

Your donations support the work of this church. Thank you! Use the dropdown menu to pick which effort you'd like to support.

~ Brighten the Light ~

Make a PLEDGE

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One-Time Gift

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Today's Plate Collection

This Sunday, 100% of our plate collection will support our Annual Fund Drive 2027, **"Brighten the Light."** Your generosity helps sustain the people, programs, and ministries that bring our shared values to life. Thank you for helping our light shine brightly!