



Order of Service

Sunday, March 1, 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 Ministry.



For the month of March, we share our plate collection with WomenFirst Transition and Referral Center. WomenFirst provides nourishing environments where women can rebuild their lives and self-worth through peer mentorship, life skills, training, empowerment groups, and vital community support.

***Gathering Hymn** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Chalice Lighting

Welcome Dana Buhl, Social Justice Director

Introit "This Day," from *Songs of Nature*, Op. 63 Chancel Choir
Antonín Dvořák DeReau Farrar, Director

Call to Worship Rev. Bill Sinkford

***Hymn #1013** "Open My Heart"

***Responsive Reading** "May We Be Saved" (adapted)
Harry Meserve

***Doxology #123** "Spirit of Life"

Story for All Ages "The Stuff of Stars" (adapted) Cassandra Scheffman
Marion Dane Bauer Director of Family Ministries

Song of Blessing #357 "Bright Morning Stars"

Offertory "Nocturnal Fantasy" Parker Bells
Emily Li Amanda DuPriest, Director

Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Dana Buhl

Silent Meditation

Hymn "Gracias por el Amor"

Reading "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"
Brian Doyle

Anthem "Oh Universe"
Richard A. Wilder

Sermon "Masters of the Universe" Rev. Sinkford

Prayer

***Hymn #1026** "If Every Person in the World"

Benediction

Postlude "Song without Words," from *Suite in F for Military Band*
Gustav Holst

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

Flowers are donated by Susan Little and Kent Connaughton "For the Joy."

■ TODAY AT FIRST UNITARIAN PORTLAND

Membership Enrollment Ceremony. If you're ready to become a member, bring your completed enrollment and pledge forms. Enrollment kits are located in our literature racks. Details: 10:30 a.m. in Channing.

All Ages Storytelling with Will Hornyak. The folktales of the Celtic cultures are rich with magical, memorable characters, and unforgettable plots. Join Will Hornyak on a journey featuring wise queens, brave sisters, itinerant peddlers, powerful wizards, and more. Appropriate for all ages. 1–2 p.m., A-108.

Spiritual Direction 101 Workshop. Come hear several of First Unitarian's spiritual directors describe how they conduct a session and get a taste of what that might be like for you. 1–3 p.m. No charge.

Walk the Labyrinth. Walk-in prayer, meditation, contemplation, for discerning resolutions, or as the next steps on your journey. The labyrinth will be open at 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Buchan Reception.

Preparing for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Community for Earth shares "Drawdown for Creation," a tool to address climate crisis. Visit the CFE table in Margaret Fuller Hall and drawdown4creation.com for opportunities for soul deepening and practical actions.

Mar. 28 SOLVE Beach Cleanup. Get further information at the UUA Outreach table or Community for Earth's table in Margaret Fuller Hall. Contact Stan Jewett at [stanjewett\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:stanjewett[at]gmail.com) or 503-310-0679.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Family Camp on Oregon Coast. Saturday through Monday, Mar. 21–23, 2020. Join other Learning Community families for a weekend of shared activities, community-building, and just plain fun on the Oregon coast at beautiful Camp Magruder. Fees: adult \$150, teen 13–17 \$130, child 9–12 \$120, child 5–8 \$85; scholarships available. Includes lodging and meals. Register online. Contact [cscheffman\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:cscheffman[at]firstunitarianportland.org) for questions.

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 FORMATON

Pick Up Your Winter/Spring Program Guide to Classes and Retreats at the Adult Programs Table!

Younger Adult Potluck Brunch. We'll gather for food and fellowship. Please bring other dishes as you're able to add to the meal. Drop-ins welcome. Sunday, Mar. 8, 12:30–2:30 p.m., B-304.

Downtown UU History Tour. We will cover our church's history from our pioneer beginnings to the present. Details: No charge, Sunday, Mar. 8, 12:30–2 p.m. We will meet in Eliot Chapel. Register: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

UU Yoga Day Workshop. We will focus on spine flexibility with flowing movements. Details: \$15, Saturday, Mar. 14, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Register: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Last Wishes. In this two-part class, led by Rev. Disrud and attorney Tabitha Koh, will explore decisions related to the end of life. Mar. 22, 29, 1–1:30 p.m. \$35. Advance registration: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

Women's Retreat. Open to women, non-binary, and gender expansive individuals. Wednesday, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Still Meadow Retreat Center, Damascus, OR. Spaces are limited. Register: firstunitarianportland.org/registration.

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speaking of Justice's Ninth Issue on Intersectionality! New issue on Feb. 28. Find the link in the *Front Steps* e-News. Don't miss an issue! Subscribe here: www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/.

"Restorative Justice: A Personal Story." Join Stephen Fowler Sunday, Mar. 8, 1 p.m. Appetizers at 12:30 p.m., Daisy Bingham. Presented by Ending Mass Incarceration/Advancing Racial Justice.

Sign Up for the Spring 2020 Cohort of Building an Interfaith Community to Counter White Nationalism. A project for the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIRJ) and the Western States Center. Contact Abigail at [aclclauhs\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:aclclauhs[at]gmail.com). Register by Mar. 16.

COHO (Committee for Hunger and Homelessness). We need full-sized lotions, shampoo, conditioner bottles, hair care products for all hair types, new full and twin size light blue sheets, and size 5 and 6 diapers. Place donations at the cupboards next to kitchen in Fuller Hall. Contact Donna at [webbed\[at\]msn.com](mailto:webbed[at]msn.com) for questions.

■ OTHER NEWS

Mar. 4 Alliance Program, "Street Life: Fun until It Isn't." We will feature Marilynne Eichinger, a member of First Unitarian and educator. Brown bag lunch in Buchan at 11 a.m. (\$3) and program in Eliot Chapel, 12:30–1:30 p.m. RSVP to [allianceRSVP\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:allianceRSVP[at]firstunitarianportland.org) or call Jean Omelchuck at 503-806-7906.

March Art Wall. Jenn Feeney's monotypes are featured taking a very painterly approach to printmaking, she starts without a plan and manipulates the ink to let the images emerge. Come see the colorful organic results.

Beacon Bookstore. Black History month may be officially over, but the importance of learning more about our shared history continues. Your bookstore is a great resource for knowledge on all manner of social justice issues, as well as about our faith and shared beliefs. Books for adults and children are waiting for you.

Give the Joy of Flowers for Sunday Services. Honor an anniversary or birthday by sponsoring flowers for the chancel. Call Marsha at 503-954-3534 or [marshamwarner\[at\]comcast.net](mailto:marshamwarner[at]comcast.net) for details.