



First Unitarian Portland  
*Order of Service*

Sunday, May 26, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:30 a.m.  
May 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Grace"

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**Gathering Hymn — #182**

"O the Beauty in a Life"

**Welcome**

Rev. Alison Miller

**Chalice Lighting**

**Voluntary**

"Sweet Peace"  
— Richard Jay Hyman

Chancel Choir with  
DeReau Farrar, Director

**Call to Worship**

Danielle Garrett, Intern Minister

**Hymn — #77**

"Seek Not Afar Off for Beauty"

**Responsive Reading**

"We Give Thanks"  
— Amanda Udis-Kessler

**Doxology**

"Spirit of Life"

**Offertory**

"Communion"  
— Leon Boellmann

Joe O'Donnell, organ

**Pastoral Concerns & Prayer**

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn**

"O Beautiful Gaia"

**Reading**

"Beauty: The Invisible Embrace" excerpt  
— John O'Donohue

Rev. Miller

**Voluntary**

"The Color Purple"  
— arr. Rollo Dilworth

**Sermon**

"Holy, Gratuitous Beauty"

Danielle Garrett

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

"Have I Not Known"

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Solemn Procession"  
— Calvin Hampton

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 5/26/2024

**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 // Fuller Hall // Check out our bookstore for books and greeting cards!

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

**UU the Vote: Join Us For Community & Letter Writing** Right after the service // Blue table cloth in Fuller Hall

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

## First Steps 🌱

**Sunday, June 2, from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: Channing Room**

Discover additional insights into life at First Unitarian Portland, avenues for connection, and delve deeper into Unitarian Universalism.

**Questions?** [Email Jen Thomas.](mailto:jen@firstunitarian.org)

## Shower Project Needs Clothes & Snacks

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

- Men's new white tee shirts M/L (urgent need!)
- Men's boxer briefs M/L
- Sugar Packets
- Single-serving, microwaveable snacks like mac and cheese, oatmeal, ramen

Items can be left in the COHHO bins in Fuller Hall.

## Recurring Workshops, Classes & Open Gatherings

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

**Beloved Community of Color:** Every second Thursday evening and fourth Saturday morning of the month. [Email them for more info.](mailto:beloved@firstunitarian.org)

**Caregivers Support Group:** Open to Newcomers. Fourth Sunday of each month at 9a [via Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/912345678).

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

**First Steps:** First Sunday of each month @12:15p in Channing.

**Friday Vesper Services:** from 5 - 5:40p [via Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/912345678).

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

**Loving Kindness Meditation:** [resumes on Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/912345678) Mondays from 8-8:30p.

**Mental Health Caregivers Group:** Second Wednesdays every month via Zoom 7-8:30p. [Email them for the link.](mailto:mentalhealth@firstunitarian.org)

**"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](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx) or [Church Calendar](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx) for more information on gatherings: [beacons.ai/firstupdx](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx)

[Your donations support the work of this church.](https://beacons.ai/firstupdx)

*Thank you! 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.

## Shared Plate Plate

[Sisters of the Road](https://sharedplateplate.org) is a social justice organization that uplifts the dignity and autonomy of people experiencing poverty through low/no-cost meals, education and training, a barter work program, advocacy, and a welcoming community space for all.