



November 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Story"

Gathering Hymn #318	"We Would Be One"	
Welcome		Danielle Garrett, Assistant Minister
Chalice Lighting		
Call to Worship		Rev. Alison Miller
Anthem	"Amazing Grace" arr. Francisco J. Núñez	Chancel Choir / Garrett Bond, Director
Responsive Reading	"The Task of Religious Community" Mark Morrison-Reed	Rev. Miller
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Testimony	"Join the Journey of Generosity"	Roger Robinson
Offertory	Theme from "Love Story" Francis Lai	Garrett Bond, piano
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Danielle Garrett
Silent Meditation		
Hymn #1002	"Comfort Me"	
Reading	"Because" Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer	
Anthem	"Show Us How to Love" Mark A. Miller	
Sermon	"Now What?"	Rev. Miller
Prayer		
Hymn #170	"We Are a Gentle Angry People"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Spiegel im Spiegel" Arvo Pärt	Garrett Bond, piano

#### First Unitarian Portland

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## **OF GENEROSITY**

# WELCOME TO OUR SEASON OF GIVING FOR 2025

Our goal during this time is to give everyone an opportunity to reflect on the personal and communal commitments that hold us here and to engage in the spiritual practice of generosity.

<u>It is during this time that we ask our members and friends to make a financial committed</u> <u>in the form of a Pledge</u>. A Pledged Gift is the intended amount you plan to give over 2025 to support the church and our work. Your Pledge can always be adjusted should your circumstances change. You can fulfill your Pledge on whatever schedule works for you.

If you are new – welcome! Consider this a chance to learn about how Pledging works here... there is no pressure to give at this point, and when you are ready, we'd love to have your support.



#### If you have given in the past, your personalized giving packet is in the mail.

If you are a "Sustainer" your pledge has been counted towards our goal. We are so grateful!

#### Please review your packet information before making a decision on your 2025 gift to the church.

You can give to the church anytime, but it is our *Season of Giving* that funds our budget and pays our staff.

### Please Pledge before Celebration Sunday on November 17!

## 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 11/10/2024

- New folks! Please join us right after the service // Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.

- Social Hour/SOUPER SUNDAY! Enjoy delicious soup and community this Sunday in Fuller Hall after the service. Please bring a "soup accompaniment" to share (e.g., bread, bagels, gluten-free baked goods, etc.)

- Parenting Circles: Please join us after the service // Daisy Bingham. Soup will be served!

- Community Circles Drop-In: Please join us after the service // B-102.

- "T" Time: A Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender-Expansive, **Exclusive Gathering:** Please join us in the Channing Room after the service.

- Childcare 6mo-3yrs: Location: A-103 Nursery.

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

### **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: On Zoom Mondays from 8-8:30p.

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

First Steps: First Sunday of most months @12:15p in Channing.

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: Usually every first Wednesday of the month @10:30a in Eliot Chapel.

Labyrinth: First Sundays of the month in Fuller Hall.

## **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!

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Winter coats/jackets (all sizes)
- Men's clothing (all sizes)
- Plastic shopping bags with handles

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



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.

Need help locating a room? Ask an usher! They'd be happy to help.

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Chancel flowers today are given In loving memory of Maurice Maeterlinck Miller, 1914 - 1996 by Lauren Lally, Joe and Veronica Williams.

#### **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**

For the month of November, we share our plate with Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIr]). Its mission is to support and equip communities and people of faith to advance immigrant justice through direct accompaniment of immigrants facing detention and deportation, policy advocacy, and purposeful organizing. IMIrJ creates a more just world for immigrants, migrants, and asylum seekers by taking both I immediate and long-term collective, intentional action.