



First Unitarian Portland
Order of Service

Sunday, December 29, 2024 | In-person or [Livestream](#) | 10:15 a.m.
December 2024 Spiritual Theme: "Mystery"

Gathering Hymn # 350	"The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time"	
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Chalice Lighting		
Call to Worship		Danielle Garrett, Assistant Minister
Anthem	"Prelude in a Classic Style" Gordon Young	Signe Lusk, piano
Responsive Reading	"Always There Is a Beginning" Edward Searl	
Doxology	"Spirit of Life"	
Offertory	"Gabriella's Gift" Richard Scher	Signe Lusk, piano
Pastoral Concerns & Prayer		Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Hymn #353	"Golden Breaks the Dawn"	
Reading	"Burning the Old Year" Naomi Shihab Nye	Rev. Disrud
Anthem	"Imagine" by John Lennon arr. Richard Scher	Signe Lusk, piano
Sermon	"How Do You Measure a Year?"	Danielle Garrett
Prayer		
Hymn #108	"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Gloria" John Leavitt	Signe Lusk, 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 12/29/2024

- **New folks!** Please join us right after the service // Gather at the "Welcome Circle" sign at the Sanctuary's front right corner.
- **Childcare 6mo-3yrs:** Location: A-103 Nursery in the building next door.
- **Social Hour:** This Sunday we will be in Fuller Hall.
- **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)
- Snacks of all kinds
- Plastic shopping bags with handles
- Boxes of q-tips
- Air fresheners

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



DONATE

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.

Pick up your name tags! 🚀

Location: Sanctuary Lobby

Need a name tag? [Fill out this form](#) to request a physical name tag.

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

Today's plate offering will go to First Unitarian's Congregant Care Fund. This fund supports congregants facing some kind of financial difficulty. It helps people with some unanticipated expense, like rent or to pay for utilities or an unexpected medical expense which they cannot cover. It is one way we help care for one another here at First U.