

Sunday, June 30, 2024
Magda Garrett, Presenter
Miika Thorn, Service Leader
Josh Saxe, Musician

*The secret of life is to focus all of your energy
Not on fighting the old, but on building the new! ~Socrates*

Welcome—for coming together

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| Gathering Music | <i>Improvisation</i> | Josh Saxe |
| Calling Bell | | |
| Prelude | <i>Ashokan Farewell</i> | Jay Ungar & Molly Mason |

Welcome and Announcements

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| Opening Reading | <i>Come in From the Wind</i> | Heather Rion Starr |
| Dedication of Chalice | <i>Why We're Here</i> | Erik Walker Wikstrom |
| Hymn #123 | <i>Spirit of Life (2x)</i> | |

Contemplation—looking for meanings

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| Meditation | <i>In-betweenness</i> | Michelle LaGrave |
| Moment of Silence | | |

Special Music

Improvisation in C Major Josh Saxe

Offering—stewardship of our church

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| Call to Offering | <i>We Give</i> | Kristin Collins |
| Offering Music | <i>Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum</i> | Claude Debussy |
| Hymn #311 | <i>Let It Be a Dance</i> | |

Community—a time for sharing

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| Personal Joys and Sorrows | <i>Impromptu in G-Flat Major</i> | Franz Schubert |
| Musical Interlude | | |

Theme—our search for truth

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| Presentation | <i>The Bigger Yes</i> by Rev. Gretchen Haley | Magda Garrett |
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Closing—for continuing and moving forward

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| Hymn #1057 (Teal) | <i>Go Lifted Up (2x)</i> | |
| Closing Reading | <i>Changes Abound</i> | Michelle Collins |
| Postlude | <i>Improvisation</i> | Josh Saxe |

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita honors the principle of freedom of the pulpit. In keeping with that principle, the views expressed by the presenters or congregants are solely their personal opinions. While we acknowledge the ideas and opinions of every individual, this church does not endorse any point of view or political choice.

First UU Church is open for all services and activities regardless of your vaccination status, the Board strongly recommends that all of us be vaccinated and asks that we continue to practice social distancing, when possible, especially when around members and friends who are still opting to wear masks. Online Zoom access is provided for those who cannot attend services or events in person. **Fellowship Time** is for refreshments and conversation. All invited to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Children's Religious Exploration

Children's RE needs volunteers for the summer! Find the sign-up sheets and calendar on the front table. June in kids RE will center around the gift of renewal. Lessons will cover renewing our spirits through reclaiming the right to joy (Pride and Flower Service), through nature and our physical being, through gratitude (Father's Day), and through community (GA and Juneteenth). If you have questions about the children's RE curriculum or how you can help, please contact me, Director of Religious Exploration, at anna.jenney@gmail.com.

Office Update

In the event that Jon M. Ramirez does have to adjust his office hours due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness) or due to personal obligations (e.g. medical appointment), adjusted office hours are posted on the online church calendar which can be viewed anytime via <https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>. Please review office hours on the church calendar if needing to meet the Office Manager face-to-face. Please also feel free to set up an appointment in advance anytime.

Please check the online church calendar for modified office hours this week due to the UUA General Assembly and due to a funeral.

Upcoming - Events and Updates from First UU
(<https://firstuu.net/events/calendar/>)

Sunday, June 30

- 9:45am** Adult Religious Exploration, Charles Merrifield
11:00am Children's Religious Exploration, Anna Jenney
11:00am Sunday Service, "The Bigger Yes", Magda Garrett

Monday, July 1

- 6:30pm** Zen Friends, Bob Feleppa, rxfeleppa@gmail.com

Tuesday, July 2

- 4:00pm** Worship Committee, Anne Welsbacher, (310) 663-2565
7:00pm UU Craft Group, Anita Culp, (316) 712-3843

Wednesday, July 3

- 6:30pm** Tech Committee, Ned Lakin, (316) 214-0968

Thursday, July 4

No office hours

InTouch Newsletter

In light of the monthly newsletters being available via the website (<https://firstuu.net/newsletters/>), we are striving to reduce the monthly cost (e.g. paper, ink, stamps) associated with monthly printing, assembling, and mailing of the newsletter to a small population. For those who wish to continue to receive the monthly newsletter in the mail, please indicate interest via <https://forms.gle/GsYMb1oaP9u1CmHh6>, by scanning the QR code below, or by emailing a request to office@firstuu.net.



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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

As you seat yourself, please leave one empty chair between your party and the next one for social distance.



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