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Sunday Services | May 2025

May 4 | *Learning from Many Traditions*

As First Universalist begins a two-month exploration of Pluralism as a central Unitarian Universalist value, this service explores the process of learning from different religious and spiritual traditions. When we take a position of learning, how does that help our relationship with traditions other than our own?

— *Rev. Lane-Mairead Campbell*

May 11 | *Relationship and Appropriation*

President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, Sofie Betancourt invites us to explore how we are in relationship with different cultures and traditions as a barometer for cultural appropriation. An exploration of what it means to be pluralistic from a place of relationship, rather than borrowing, taking, or appropriating.

— *Rev. Lane-Mairead Campbell*

May 18 | *The Healing Power of Humor*

Laughter can feel like a breath of fresh air in times of struggle, a spark of connection in moments of loneliness, and a powerful balm for the soul. In this service, we'll explore the sacred role of humor in healing—how it helps us cope, builds resilience, and reminds us of our shared humanity. Join us for a joyful, reflective look at how laughter opens the heart and lightens the spirit.

— *Betty Jean Rueters-Ward*

Note: Social Justice Plate collected this Sunday - Black Community Focus Fund

May 25 | *Entering the Long Goodbye*

In three more Sundays, Rev. Lane-Mairead will have their last Sunday with us. As a process of saying goodbye has already begun, let us explore the ingredients of a good farewell. And let's begin to talk explicitly about what a good goodbye means.

— *Rev. Lane-Mairead Campbell*

❖ **Services begin at 10:30am** ❖

Worship will be online and in-person at First Universalist Church. Check our website for more updated info! Please join us – Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/131764422>; Phone number: 1-646-558-8656 with Meeting ID: 131 764 422. ❖



Pluralism

*A Message from
Rev. Lane-Mairead Campbell*

I was raised a Unitarian Universalist in a time when our religious education for children was really focused on the study of world religions. We were hearing and dramatically enacting stories from Buddhist and Hindu traditions, observing Jewish ritual, learning about stories from Indigenous cultures. I learned a bit from many faiths, but didn't really learn a lot about Unitarian Universalism. When I emerged into my teens, I had big questions about who we were. I also emerged with the perception that what we were about was picking and choosing from different religions traditions to create a sort of patchwork theology. It truly left me wanting more.

This faith has always held high value in learning about different traditions. And one of the theological reckonings that I think is appropriate in this iteration of Unitarian Universalism, in this present day, is recognizing who is doing the studying of different religious traditions and what we know about ourselves. When the study of "Comparative Religions" first began, the point was for people to study religious traditions while remaining firmly rooted in their own, about knowing where one was coming from, and (more than likely) about studying different religious traditions from the perspective of Christianity, a ruling tradition amongst scholars at the time.

As our three UU congregations begin a two-month study of pluralism, I am thinking a lot about what it means to learn, to seek, to understand perspectives different from my own. I am wanting to remain open to the fact that not all of us are exploring these learnings from the same location. If you are Jewish and UU, you likely have a different perspective on Judaism and other religious traditions than I do as someone who has been UU since birth. With pluralism, one is invited to own our perspective while also seeking to learn, to recognize that there is something good and beautiful about different traditions. As we explore pluralism together, let us know ourselves first and find a way to listen from that place.

Blessings,

Rev. Lane-Mairead ❖



UU Boundaries

*A Message from
Rev. Michelle Yates*

Over the years, I have heard many UUs describe our faith to newcomers and friends as being able to "believe whatever you want." That is not true.

As we explore Pluralism, it's worth addressing the boundary of what UU is and is not, described by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker in an article in *Quest for Meaning*.

"One thing our faith is sure of: There is a spark of sacredness in every living being.

"You can hold a view that there is no God or that God exists. But you cannot hold the view that God is the all-powerful determiner of everything that happens, such that there is no exercise of human freedom. UUism is clear that there is some measure of freedom accessible to every living being.

"You can define salvation, healing and wholeness in many ways. But you cannot hold to the view that there will be an ultimate separation of the saved from the damned. UUism is clear that all souls are of worth.

"You can be devoted to a specific religious practice—Christian prayer, Buddhist meditation, or pagan ritual. But you cannot hold the view that there is one religion that holds the exclusive, final truth for all times/places. Not even Unitarian Universalism. We are confident that revelation is not sealed.

"Finally, you can see this world as tragically flawed, wondrously gifted, or both. But you cannot hold the view that salvation is to be found solely beyond this world—in some life after death. While remaining open to mysteries that may be revealed beyond the grave or in realms beyond what we know, UUism is clear that the ultimate is present here and now, within this limited frame of our mortal existence.

"Within these theological boundaries there is room for tremendous variety, diversity, and dissent. But there is also a defining focus: a devotion to the flourishing of life, to the sacredness of this world, and to the interdependent bonds that tie each to all.

"We resist social evils and systemic injustices. We refuse to support an unjust status quo or pass the buck of human responsibility."

Yours in the Journey, Rev. Michelle ❖



Finance: Pledge Payment via Automatic Debit

Submitted by Brian Mumey, Finance Chair

Are you tired of writing a check every month to pay your pledge? Tired of forgetting to write your pledge payment check? Want better control when funds will be pulled from your bank account than your bank's Bill Pay allows? We have a solution for all these issues: Automatic Debit!

First Universalist is now able to set up recurring transactions to automatically debit your checking account every month. Set it up once and the transactions will occur on the first day of every month in the amount you specify. You can change the amount or cancel your automatic debit at any time.

If you are interested in subscribing to automatic debit, please send an email to finance@uuroc.org. We will send you the required form.

Please note the following:

- Automated debit processing will begin July 1, 2025, or the first of the month following submission of the form.
- You can submit the form by mailing it to: Finance Chair, First Universalist Church of Rochester, 150 S. Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14604, by dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, or by scanning the form to a PDF and emailing it to finance@uuroc.org. Don't forget to include a voided check (scanned if using email).
- Your account will be debited the first of the month unless the first occurs on a holiday or weekend. In those cases, the debit will occur the next business day.
- To cancel or change the amount of your automatic debit, email finance@uuroc.org. We will make every attempt to process your request prior to the first of the next month, though this cannot be guaranteed.

If you have any questions about this, or other pledge payment options, email finance@uuroc.org. ❖



House News: Spring Work Day on May 3!

Submitted by Ed Deller

Our annual Spring Work Day is coming up on Saturday, May 3, 9am to noon! We'll get the church and grounds ready for warmer weather, handle some minor repairs and do some spring cleaning.

Please join us if you can. There will be tasks for all talents and opportunity for purposeful mingling with fellow members and friends. Contact Ed Deller or Moritz Wagner with any questions. ❖



Aging Circle: Spiritual Deepening, Community and Connections for the Second Half of Life

Submitted by Rev. Michelle Yates

Saturday, May 10, 10-11:30am. This open and ongoing group will meet on the second Saturday of each month, usually in the Clara Barton Lounge. Facilitated by Joy Lecsese in the spirit of Connection Circles. Questions or RSVPs? Contact edu@uuroc.org or Joy Lecsese. ❖

Drop-In Discussion

Submitted by John Lukes

Drop-in discussions are held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm via the church Zoom account, and in-person on the first Sunday of each month in the Chalice Room at 9:15am. Phil Ebersole is the contact for in-person discussions. Contact DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org for the link, or look on uuroc.org!

Sunday, May 4 | Right and Wrong: How Can You Tell? *In-person*

Are right and wrong matters of opinion or objective truths? If two people disagree, what do they appeal to? Phil Ebersole will lead a discussion. All are welcome. We meet at 9:15am the first Sunday of the month through June 2025 in the Chalice Room.

May 6 | Good and Evil Through The Lens Of Satanism

Let's explore concepts of Satanism further with Adam Durand who gave a thought-provoking stewardship statement at the April 6 Sunday Service, which mentioned his finding Satanism at a young age. Adam will provide additional background information and lead us into a broader discussion on our concepts of "good", "evil," and how they apply to society and our personal lives.

May 13 | The Power of Three

What is it about the number three? Why do we see it often in both sacred and secular? Trinities, stories, rules for writing, jokes, and songs. How does the "Power of Three" help us feel stronger, more aligned? Facilitated by Rev. Michelle Yates.

May 20 | The Cheery Agnostic

Western society has painted both agnostics and atheists as dour people with little hope, but Daniel Chadwick will present four kinds of agnostics represented neither by doctrine nor dogma but by real people who were published philosophers. And while there might be more than four kinds of agnostics, this is a good start.

May 27 | Our Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Do you have questions about the proposed 2025-2026 church budget? Join Finance Committee Chair Brian Mumey and Board President Clinton Swingle for our last budget discussion prior to our Annual Meeting on June 1. All questions are welcome!

Have a topic for us? Contact our team with your proposal at DropInDiscussion@uuroc.org. ❖

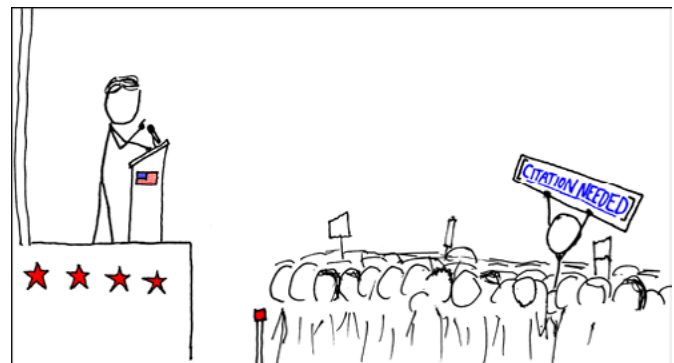


HFA: Move-in Kits for FPGROC* Families

Submitted by Chris DeGolyer

Several church members received quizzical looks from cashiers when they bought multiples of common household items, such as three toilet bowl brushes or three brooms. These items were for "move-in kits" for families graduating from Family Promise's shelter program and moving into their own apartments. When Family Promise of Greater Rochester guest families rent an apartment, they have to start from scratch to furnish their apartment with the various items needed to cook and clean. On March 30, the church volunteers met to assemble kits of items for the bathroom, the kitchen, and general cleaning. Thanks everybody for your generosity! ❖

**Family Promise of Greater Rochester*



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BUILD UU POWER IN NEW YORK STATE

New York Unitarian Universalist Justice (NYUJJ) exists to help UUs in New York state connect on social justice issues and make a difference on a state legislative level. Join our mailing list to learn about justice issues, connect with UUs across the state, and build UU power in New York state.



SIGN UP TODAY!

Eastman at Washington Square Concerts

Concerts are held at our church at midday on Thursdays. Each concert begins at 12:15pm and ends at approximately 12:45pm. Admission is free!

- **May 1 | Violin and Piano Showcase**

Renowned violinist Oleh Krysa and pianist Irina Lupines will perform gems of violin/piano repertoire from Beethoven to modern times.

- **May 8 | Guitar Roots**

Join Eastman alum and graduate dean, Matthew Ardizzone, for a solo classical guitar program rooted in folk music and features pieces by Leo Brouwer, Edward Flower, and Joaquin Rodrigo.

- **May 15 | Gracias a la Vida: Music and Poetry of Chile**

Tenor Pablo Bustos and pianist Priscilla Yuen will present the highlights of the cultural richness of Chile through musical settings by Chilean composers and poetry by Gabriela Mistral and Pablo Neruda.

- **May 22 | ECMS Honors Finale**

Enjoy the final concert of the season, featuring the amazing young high school graduates from the Honors Program at the Eastman Community Music School. ❖

Celebrating Leadership Transitions

Submitted by Bridget Watts, Board of Trustees

The life of our church depends on many, many people who sustain this community with gifts of time, energy, creativity, and loving care.

Our March 30 worship service included a ceremony, led by our minister Rev. Lane-Mairead, to honor some of our leaders who are moving on from leadership roles in our community, and to welcome those who are stepping into those roles. Those honored for their service included:

- **Paula Marchese**, who has chaired the Caring Committee for years, leading her team in responding reliably to the needs of congregants with care and compassion.

- **Ed Deller**, who has chaired the House Committee through at least 10 years and three sextons, stewarding our physical space with skill and devotion, and handling interactions with volunteers, staff, and our houseless neighbors with care and kindness.

- **Newcomb Losh**, who has brought beauty to our sanctuary and our services (even when we couldn't worship in our own sanctuary) with creativity and dedication, as our Keeper of the Flame.

- **Beth Ares**, who, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, has supported our staff with energy and kindness, and who did the vital job of processing payroll until we were able to hire a finance administrator.

- **Sarah Singal**, leader of the team that created and maintains our lovely gardens, who has worked with volunteers and houseless neighbors with grace and generosity.

Welcomed into leadership roles were Heather Jones and Sue Keefe, new Caring Committee chairs, Moritz Wagner, who will chair House Committee, new Keeper of the Flame Katherine Mattice, new Personnel chair Elizabeth Osta, and the new leader of the garden team, Adam Durand. Thanks to the new leaders for stepping up, and thank you to everyone, who helps weave and reweave the strands that hold together our living community. ❖



Welcome Team News

Submitted by Marcy Klein for the Welcome Team

Sanctuary and Vestibule Doors

At our recent Congregational Meeting, the church approved spending about \$24,000 to refinish ten of our beautiful wood doors. These include the main doors to the sanctuary, from the Court Street and Clinton Avenue vestibules, and the interior of the four exterior doors to the Clinton vestibule (the exteriors will be repainted). Volunteers from the House Committee have already removed the unsightly brass push plates and kick plates; they will be polished and lacquered by AMA Blacksmiths, and then reinstalled when the wood refinishing is done. The marred and scratched wood will be stripped, stained and sealed (and in some cases, repaired) by Guy DiMatteo of Artisan Finishing Service and Ted Robertson of Kirkwall Construction, working together.

The wood refinishing is expected to begin within the next few weeks. The contractors will remove several doors at a time and transport them to Guy's studio for the refinishing, then rehang them before starting the next group. For the exterior doors, a temporary enclosure will be built to keep our church secure while the work is being done.

It will be exciting to see these doors in their restored condition, and we believe that making our entry spaces more attractive will make them both more welcoming to visitors and members and more appealing to potential renters. And it's important for us, as custodians of our historic building, to maintain its beauty and integrity well into the future.

Welcome Spaces

The Welcome Team, the Membership Committee, and the House Committee have worked together to improve the first areas that our visitors

see. The welcome area at the bottom of the ramp in the Clara Barton Lounge was sometimes cluttered and distracting. An oak desk rescued from an upstairs storage room now replaces the old table, and provides much-needed drawers to hide supplies like name tags, pens and masks. New wood pamphlet holders on the desk display our UU brochures to tempt visitors. The old welcome table was moved to the back of the sanctuary, to replace the large folding table that overhung the swinging doors to the Clinton vestibule. A pullout drawer was installed to hide the keyboard for the theater lighting. We replaced the wire pamphlet rack with a more attractive one formerly in the library, and moved the pamphlet display to the welcome table in the Clinton vestibule, to greet visitors when they enter. In addition, we plan to remove the existing library desk and freestanding bookcase during the Spring Work Day, and later replace the desk with a smaller, historic-style one tucked out of the way near the piano.

Interior Designer

The board approved hiring architect and designer Chris Brandt of Bero Architecture to help us with our Welcome Initiative. Chris is a Bragdon expert and has worked with our church on several remodeling projects, so he seems the perfect person to help us choose materials and furnishings appropriate for our historic building, while making sure we don't violate its historic integrity. We did a walk-through with Chris in April, and he will provide written suggestions for making our spaces more beautiful and welcoming. In particular, we are hoping for design suggestions for our proposed radiator cover and storage cabinet in the Clinton vestibule, and feedback about our ideas to refinish the tile floors and possibly replaster the walls there. In the Clara Barton Lounge, we would like his advice on styles, colors and sources for new furniture for the seating area in the library, and for two tall fabric bulletin board screens.

You can expect to see additional changes in the coming months; look for more articles with updates in the future. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact a Team member—Marcy Klein, Sarah Singal, or Michael Scott, the board liaison and adviser. ✦



Stewardship 2025: Come, Come, Whoever You Are!

*Submitted by Ann Rhody & Howard Spindler
2025 Stewardship Co-Chairs*

Many thanks are due after a Stewardship Campaign, primarily to ALL who have made a pledge to support the church's mission in 2025-26! We have an encouraging number of new pledges, so special thanks if this is your first time pledging.

While we still have a ways to go, we are hopeful that we will get to 100 pledges, which will unlock a bonus of \$4,000 from a group of church members!

If you have forgotten to pledge, or still haven't made up your mind, it's not too late. Every pledge will help! Please pledge at uuroc.org as soon as possible.

Special thanks to:

- Our 2025-26 Stewardship Team: Grant Fish, Bill Jones, Brian Mumey, and Richard Reed.
- Adam Durand, Steve Farrington, Eileen Fernandez, and Patti Goodwin for delivering testimonials during services.
- Marcy Klein for our beautiful Stewardship brochure.
- The 40(!) people who have committed an extra \$100 if we reach 100 pledges.
- All who provided pies and treats for our Stewardship Sunday celebration.

We are both grateful and proud to be members of this warm and welcoming congregation! ❖



EcoJustice

Submitted by Sarah Singal

The next meeting of the EcoJustice Group is Sunday, May 4, at noon in the Chalice Room. All are welcome.

We need help with composting at church. We generate coffee grounds, filters and some food scraps every coffee hour and we need to process them. Options are either take them home to backyard composters or commercial buckets, or use the on-site rotating composter for food scraps, and bury the grounds and filters in the loose compost heap. Kids are welcome! Try it out at church, learn what works best and do it at home. Ideally, everyone can compost, even if it means keeping a bucket in the back of your car.



What else can we do to make our church home closer to carbon neutral? Or closer to plastic-free? Come to our next meeting and we can discuss. ❖

Book Group

Submitted by Dolores Da Lomba

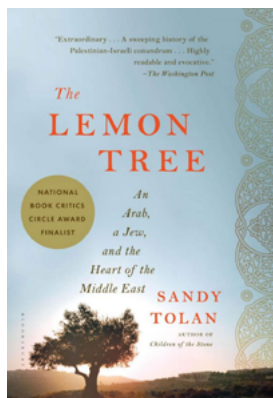
The Book Group will meet Sunday, May 11, after coffee hour, in the Chalice Room to discuss the novel *"The Lemon Tree"* by Sandy Tolan.

"The tale of a simple act of faith between two young people—one Israeli, one Palestinian—that symbolizes the hope for peace in the Middle East.

The Lemon Tree grew out of a forty-three minute radio documentary that Sandy Tolan produced for *Fresh Air*. With this book, he pursues the story into the homes and histories of the two families at its center, and up to the present day. Their stories form a personal microcosm of the last seventy years of Israeli-Palestinian history.

In a region that seems ever-more divided, *The Lemon Tree* is a reminder of all that is at stake, and of all that is still possible."

You do not need to read the book to participate. Questions? Contact bookgroup@uuroc.org. ❖



good food (thanks to all who contributed), and sharing stories, which connected us even more.

Come, come one and all! Bring yourself just as you are! We welcome you! ❖

Calling All Musicians!

Submitted by Ann Rhody

Our summer services will be starting on June 29. This year, music for these services will be provided by volunteers, as our Music Director, Dr. Brock Tjosvold, is off for the summer.



Could you be one of those volunteers? Even if you have just one piece of music that you've always wanted to perform, we'll make a time for you to do it, whatever your voice or instrument! Please contact the summer music coordinator, Ann Rhody, at summermusic@uuroc.org for details and to get on the summer schedule! ❖

Membership Committee

Submitted by Donna Anderson, Membership Chair

What a flurry of activity for our committee! We are close to hiring a Congregational Life Coordinator. This week we will be conducting second round interviews. Stay tuned for the announcement of our new Congregational Life Coordinator! Thanks to everyone who has been involved in making this happen!

What a wonderful time for our church community as we will be welcoming our new minister, Rev. Eileen Casey-Campbell, and our new Congregational Life Coordinator!

The Membership Committee will be planning a New Member Sunday before the end of June. If you are feeling called to become a member of our church community please contact Clinton Swingle, Shirley Malone, Grant Fish, Kevin Parkes, or Donna Anderson.

On April 11 we hosted a Spring Potluck Supper at church. About 15 folks attended; chatting, eating



May Social Justice Plate: *The Black Community Focus Fund*

Our May Social Justice Plate Offering is designated for the Black Community Focus Fund, and will be collected on May 18.

The Black Community Focus Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charitable organization created to provide direct support in housing, education, and economic opportunity to black families in the Rochester community impacted by racism's history and current manifestations.

Please contribute to support this important work. For more info, visit their website, rochesterbcff.org/. ❖



UU Gathering of Men Weekend

Submitted by David Damico

For the past 34 years, folks have been getting together once a year for the “UU Gathering of Men” started by Mark Butt in 1992. It's a weekend of comradeship, self-introspection, and discovery about what our place is as a UU member.

This annual weekend event will be held at Arnot Forest Lodge & Cabins (Camp Arnot) in Cayuta, NY 14824 (two-hour drive from Rochester) on June 6-8, 2025.

If you'd like to attend but cost is a concern, please say so. No one is turned away! Sliding scale from \$150-\$300. Online registration: forms.gle/hmQn8aMqP8cS4DdMA

Our group Statement of Purpose is:

“The Gathering of Men is an annual get-together of Unitarian Universalist men of all ages, colors, creeds, sexual orientations, gender identity and expression. We gather each year to share our experiences as men and explore what that means.”

Participants often find themselves renewed and reinvigorated as we share stories about our lives, hopes, and dreams. Spiritual and informative workshops are held throughout the weekend along with hiking, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Personal time for reading and “just being” is encouraged. In all of our activities—preparing and eating meals, fireplace chats, group discussions, workshops, or board games—we enjoy the fellowship of other UU men.

Each participant is asked to volunteer throughout the weekend with food preparation, setting up or cleaning after meals, or doing a workshop.

The environment is invigorating, with nature surrounding us. In previous years, some went

kayaking or hiking while some stayed inside and played board games. Others gravitate toward deep conversations or quiet inspiration. Although workshops and events are scheduled, each person makes the weekend what they wish.

The Saturday night talent show is a truly fun event with singing, artistic presentation, poetry, and joke/storytelling. A worship service is held on Sunday as a closing activity with readings and singing, a wonderful way to end the weekend.

It is difficult to describe the beauty and the peacefulness of the weekend. If you can imagine yourself part of this, check out our Facebook page or ask any of us who attended. It's time well spent.

Contact Alex Pita at 585-397-5654 or alexpita@pobox.com for more information. ❖



Church Picnic—June 15!

Submitted by Karl Abbott

The church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 15, 1-4 pm. The location is the Longhouse Shelter in Seneca Park (it is accessible, with bathrooms nearby). A map will be posted in church. Need a map/directions? Contact Karl Abbott!

Bring a dish to pass along with a list of ingredients for those that have food allergies (NOTE: please don't bring nuts or make any dishes containing nuts). Also bring something to grill, along with something to hold what you grilled, and a beverage. The church will provide:

- Plates, utensils, cups, napkins, & serving utensils
- Bottled water
- Condiments
- A charcoal fire (aluminum foil will be available for vegetarian /vegan grilling)
- Some grilling tools will be available

Please note that this will be the last year Karl will be organizing the church picnic. If you wish to do the future picnic organizing, please contact Karl Abbott. He is happy to assist new organizing folks. ❖



DECONSTRUCTING MYTHOLOGIES OF UNITARIAN ANTI-RACISM

Lectures by:



REV. DR. WAYNE ARNASON

Rehearsal for Reconstruction

April 30, 7 pm CDT

Unity Church-Unitarian and online

Jim Oberly responding



REV. LISA FRIEDMAN

"To Uplift the Race"

May 8, 7 pm EDT

First Unitarian Church of

Rochester, NY and online

Annette Marquis responding



REV. DR. MARK MORRISON-REED

Founders or Followers?

May 14, 7 pm EDT

First Church in Boston, MA

and online

Rev. Mark Harris responding

The series begins with the significant Unitarian presence at the Port Royal, S.C., "rehearsal for reconstruction" during and after the Civil War.

Moving to the turn of the century, the second lecture will show how Unitarians remained comfortably situated in their privileged caste, supporting industrial education to "uplift the race" while remaining silent as Reconstruction crumbled and the Lost Cause movement resurrected the dominance of white supremacist culture.

The final lecture explores how a few Unitarians in the early 20th century defined an anti-racist identity beyond abolitionism and paternalism, which led to their leadership in the founding of the National Association of Colored Women and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Deconstructing Mythologies of Unitarian Anti-Racism

April 30, May 8, and May 14, 2025

Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason, Rev. Lisa Friedman, and Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

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"To Uplift the Race"

Deconstructing Mythologies of Unitarian Anti-Racism, Lecture 2

Rev. Lisa Friedman
Annette Marquis responding
First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY
May 8, 7 pm EDT



Founders or Followers?

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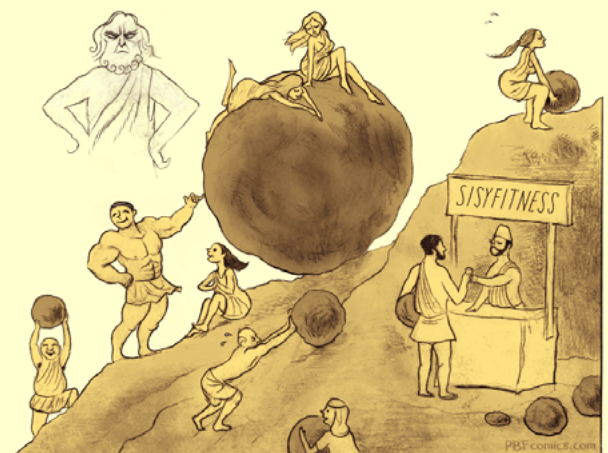
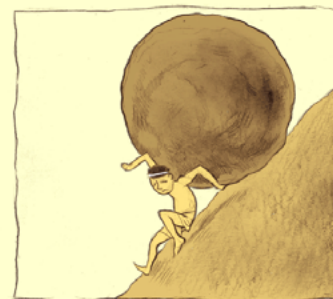
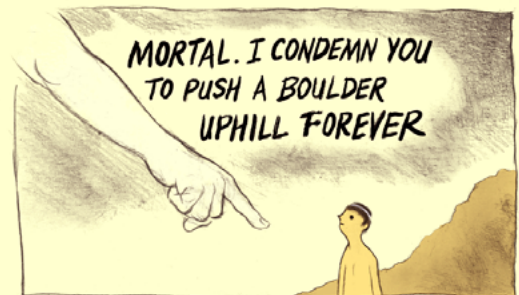
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Instructions on Not Giving Up: A Recital of Hope

Submitted by Dr. Brock Tjosvold

Hope is not a frivolous thing in these unprecedented times. It is necessary to hope in order to see a way forward. This recital will be held on June 14 from 7:30-9:30pm in our sanctuary. It features Heather Holmquest, soprano and Brock Tjosvold, piano, along with choir members from the community. It will include two world premieres by Rachel Singh and Karen Goldfeder, compositions by Charity Lofthouse-Cricco, Melissa Dunphy, Jason Robert Brown, Errollyn Wallen, Florence Price, Antonin Dvorak, Ricky Ian Gordon, and Richard Strauss. ✦



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First Universalist Church of Rochester, NY

Nurture the spirit and serve the community.

First Universalist Church is a member of the *Unitarian Universalist Association*, a liberal religion with historical roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions.

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