

**First Unitarian Church of South Bend**

**January 12, 2025**

## Order of Service • January 12, 2025

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Nursery Care (4 & under) is available during the service today.

If you need to step out, the service is audible in the foyer.

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| <b>Prelude</b>                                   |  | Kevin Joiner   |
| <b>Welcome</b>                                   |  | Megan Sulok    |
| <b>Chalice Lighting</b>                          |  |                |
| <b>Story for All Ages</b>                        | <i>The Not So Friendly Friend</i> by Christina Furnival  |                |
| <b>RE Moment</b>                                 |  |                |
| <b>Singing<br/>the Children Out</b>              | <i>May love surround you with warm gentle arms<br/>May love surround you and keep you from harm<br/>And may you always continue to grow.<br/>May you find friends wherever you go.</i> |                |
| <b>Board Message &amp; Announcements</b>         |  | Chuck Leone    |
| <b>Joys and Concerns</b>                         |  |                |
| <b>Meditation</b>                                |  | Dr. Louise     |
| <b>Introduction to Forgiveness is Optional</b>   |  | Dr. Louise     |
| <b>Forgiveness and Physiology</b>                |  | Abby Joiner    |
| <b>Hymn #304</b>                                 | <i>A Fierce Unrest</i>   | Kevin Joiner   |
| <b>The Injustice of Forgiveness</b>              |  | Abby Joiner    |
| <b>First Reading</b>                             |  | Jeremiah Cox   |
| <b>Forgiveness and Anger</b>                     |  | Dr. Louise     |
| <b>Second Reading</b>                            |  | Justine Backus |
| <b>Forgiveness and Bitterness</b>                |  | Dr. Louise     |
| <b>Offering</b><br><i>(see back for QR code)</i> | <i>Won't Back Down</i> by Tom Petty  | Kevin Joiner   |
|  | To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we<br>dedicate our lives and these offerings.  |                |
| <b>Closing Words</b>                             |  | Dr. Louise     |
| <b>Closing Hymn #6</b>                           | <i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i>   | Kevin Joiner   |
| <b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>                 |  |                |

## Closing Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.  
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another:  
This is our Covenant.

## Postlude














Kevin Joiner


### ***We thank the following folks for making today's service possible:***


**Greeters:** Mary Alice Lundergan and Karen Hefferman    **Board Pulpit Host:** Chuck Leone  
**Sound Board:** Francisco Gomez-Dossi    **Zoom Host:** Alan Hamlet  
**RE Teachers:** Gail de Somer    **Childcare provided by:** Max Castaneda  
**Social Hour Host:** Gen XMZ  
**Newcomer Liaison (wearing a mint green scarf):** Gail deSomer


### **Next Sunday's Service:** *Reasons to not be a UU* by Rev. Byrd Tetzlaff


## This Week at First Unitarian

|    |          |   |                                      |                                      |
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| 12 | JAN, SUN |  9 – 10:15am       | Adult Forum                          | Conference Room & Small Meeting Zoom |
|    |          |  10:30 – 11:30am   | Sunday Service                       | Sanctuary & Sunday Service Zoom      |
| 13 | JAN, MON |  7 – 8pm           | Administrative Committee             | Small Meeting Zoom                   |
|    |          |  7 – 8pm           | Care Committee Zoom Meeting          | Sunday Service Zoom                  |
| 15 | JAN, WED |  5:30 – 6:30pm     | Love is Love Dinner Planning Meeting | Conference Room, Small Meeting Zoom  |
|    |          |  7 – 8pm           | Stewardship Committee Meeting        | Conference Room                      |
| 16 | JAN, THU |  1 – 2pm           | UU Chat Group                        | Sunday Service Zoom Channel          |
|    |          |  6 – 9pm          | Gen XMZ D&D                          | Conference Room & Room 103           |
| 17 | JAN, FRI |  6 – 8pm         | Women's Potluck                      | Offsite Gail de Somer's home         |
| 18 | JAN, SAT |  11am – 1pm      | Gen XMZ Jammies & Cereal Bar Party   | Sanctuary, Great Hall                |
|    |          |  6 – 8pm         | Saturday Night Crafters              | off-site Christina Tolomei's home    |
| 19 | JAN, SUN |  9 – 10:15am     | Adult Forum                          | Conference Room & Small Meeting Zoom |
|    |          |  10:30 – 11:30am | Sunday Service                       | Sanctuary & Sunday Service Zoom      |

 **Jammies & Cereal Bar Party, Jan. 18 at 11am:** Come relive your childhood as we gather in our pajamas, dine on a potluck style cereal bar, and watch some Saturday morning cartoons together! Folks of all ages are welcome to attend. This event is brought to you by Gen XMZ.

 **Intergenerational Games Night, Jan. 24 at 6pm:** Come play games of all kinds with people of all ages at our Intergenerational Games Night, Friday, January 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a table for those who like to play euchre or want to learn how. We will have pizza, snacks, and loads of laughs! This event takes place in the conference room and throughout the church building.

 **Women's Potluck, Jan. 17 at 6pm:** This event is for folks who identify as women and would like to deepen their connections to one another. This month the potluck will be at [pkplatt@comcast.net](mailto:pkplatt@comcast.net)

 **Love is Love Dinner Planning Meeting, Jan. 15 at 5:30pm:** For the second year in a row, First Unitarian is hosting a Valentine's themed event celebrating all forms of love! If you would like to be part of the team that makes this special fundraiser a success, join us in the conference room. Questions? Contact Dr. Louise at [jerlouwillcox@gmail.com](mailto:jerlouwillcox@gmail.com).

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## Welcome & Information for Visitors

**We are glad you are here!** You are invited to stay for refreshments and socializing after worship. Feel free to pick up information about our congregation, the UUA, and our community from the rack in the Great Hall.

**Keep up to date:** Scan the QR code below to get our weekly email, the Chirp!

**Comfort notes:** Two all-gender restrooms are in the hallway closest to the sanctuary behind the kitchen. One has a baby-changing station. Women's and men's restrooms are located in the hallway closest to Washington Street. All of our restrooms are accessible.

**About us:** As Unitarian Universalists, our spiritual paths vary, but in this congregation, we have a covenant together. We believe that all life has inherent value, that all existence is interdependent, and we understand the need for justice and equity in our deeds and relationships. We're committed to creating a welcoming community for anyone in sympathy with our values.



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