Welcome

As Unitarian Universalists (UUs), we not only open our doors to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions; we value diversity of sexuality and gender and see it as a spiritual gift. We create inclusive religious communities and work for LGBTIQ+ justice and equity as a core part of who we are. All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.

As a congregation that does not advocate a specific creed, at First Unitarian we seek to create a space where spirits are nurtured and faith can be put into action by helping to make our communities, and the world, a better place. We have a long history of openness and inclusion. As a community of faith, we have a vision of people from the various facets of our community coming together and creating a beloved community in which we acknowledge that every one of us is loved and valued, and no one—no one—can take that away.

We seek to create a place where we can live out our principles of the free and responsible search for truth and meaning, both as individuals and on a collective level as a people of faith. [http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles](http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles)

Learn More

We invite you to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our commitment to creating a safe and comfortable place for fellowship and spiritual growth for all people, and especially the LGBTIQ+ communities. You can check out the UUA website: [http://www.uua.org/lgbtq](http://www.uua.org/lgbtq).
Welcoming Congregation Program

First Unitarian is proud to participate in the UUA’s Welcoming Congregation Program. The program promotes “acceptance, inclusion, understanding, and equity for LGBTQ+ people and families within their congregation, the denomination, and in society at large.” We have been an official Welcoming Congregation since July 16, 1995.

Activism

Unitarian Universalist (UU) legislative ministries, social justice groups, congregations, and individuals work across the United States to protect the civil and legal rights of LGBTIQ+ individuals and families at state and local levels, while the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) does similar work at the national level. http://www.uua.org/lgbtq

LGBTIQ+ Holidays and Events

First Unitarian frequently celebrates important days in the LGBTIQ+ calendar, planning services and joining community events in support of Gay Pride, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and National Coming Out Day, among others.

Marriage & Family Equality

Rituals and ceremonies are a vital part of the human experience. First Unitarian provides a safe and loving place for weddings, vow renewals, commitment ceremonies, child dedications, and memorial services. As a welcoming congregation, our ministers are available to all families during these important transitions in life.

Unitarian Universalism has become widely known for affirming and working toward recognition and rights for LGBTQ+ families.

Transgender Justice

As UUs we honor and recognize that there are more than two genders, and an infinite variety of gendered experience in the world. We educate youth around understanding gender identity and how gender roles and norms play out in our society. We support non-discrimination policies in employment, immigration, housing, credit, school and college admissions, and public accommodations; name changes; and gender marker changes.

Understanding the importance of comfort and inclusion, we have multiple non-gendered restrooms available on campus. We also welcome you to use any bathroom designated with the gender with which you identify.

Our Whole Lives

As UUs we proudly offer the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program. It is a sexuality education program from kindergarten to adulthood, inclusive of all sexualities and gender diversity. OWL educates people on the whole spectrum of sexuality with inclusiveness, sensitivity and acceptance. Learn more at: https://www.uua.org/re/owl.

Side with Love

Sponsored by the UUA, Side with Love seeks to harness love’s power to stop oppression. This faith-based public advocacy campaign works to counter exclusion, oppression, or violence based on identity—including sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, race, and religion. http://www.sidewithlove.org/