

First Unitarian Church of Louisville

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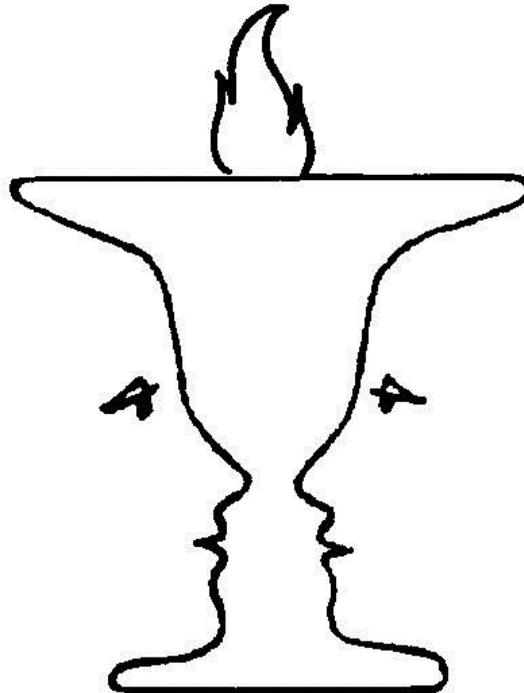
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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

Service Coordinator: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Claudia Runge

Chancel Decoration: Claudia Runge



April 15, 2018

“SPIRITUAL AUDIT”

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristen Drehmel

Prelude

Brytner

Chalice Lighting

Sophie Winstead

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

I Know I Can

#1015

~ AFFIRMING ~

Mission and Covenant (*unison*)

Christe

We are a church of reason and spirit that
Witnesses for progressive faith,
Nurtures our community and
Transforms our world.

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

Joys and Sorrows (*unison*)

When I breathe in, I breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Moment of Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response (*unison*)

Make us aware we are a sanctuary.
Each made holy loved right through
With thanksgiving we are a living sanctuary anew.

There's a truth beyond our knowledge.
There's compassion beyond our pain.
There's a spirit burning brighter;
There's a love to guide our way.

Invitation to Generosity

Kristen

With gratitude for the abundance in our lives, we give to the life of this congregation and to the life of the surrounding community.

Offertory

The Road Not Taken
Randall Thompson

First U Choir

~ EXPLORING ~**Moment for All Ages**

Rev. Kathy

Song for the Children

Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (x2)

There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land,
There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (x2)

Sermon*Spiritual Audit*

Rev. Kathy

+ Hymn*Love Will Guide Us*

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~ RETURNING ~**Extinguishing the Chalice** (*unison*)

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Words

Rev. Kathy

Postlude

Brytner

Benediction (*unison*)

Here, may you know that you are loveable, and that indeed, you are loved.
And may you carry that love out into the world as a blessing.

+ *Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

Infant and Toddler Care in the Nursery is available in room 214. The service is piped in to the library (the door by the organ) if you need to step out with your child.

"Busy Bags" are available on the Usher Table or ask an Usher.

**First Unitarian Service Auction
TODAY 1:00 - 3:00pm**

Plan to attend. Silent auction opens at 1:00 in the social hall and the live auction will begin at 1:30 in the sanctuary. A light lunch and child care will be provided.

What can I bid on? LOTS of books for children and adults, DVDs, Jewelry, Gardening supplies, Tools, Glassware, Musical instruments (keyboard and marimba!), Family Games, Luggage, Home Décor – and so much more!

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, April 22

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Perseverance”

Speakers:

Pat Allison, Debbie Hess, Kathy Kremer, and Roger Ohlman

It has been 48 years since Earth Day was first celebrated. Since then, we have been confronted by the realities of climate change. We have been challenged at every level to do what we can to preserve our environment for the sake of the earth and every living thing on the planet. Can we say we have made any progress since that first Earth Day? Our planet will survive, but will our thoughts and actions and those of our leaders everywhere save us? There's hope.

Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

See Class Descriptions at firstulou.org/cre (children) and firstulou.org/lre (adult)

Nursery care is available 9:30-12:00. Room 214

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Preschool-Kindergarten (Explorers) *Treasure Hunting-Take 2* Room 212

1st - 4th Grade (Seekers) *Spirit of Adventure* Room 207

5th - 9th Grade (Questers) *UU Youth United* Room 202

World Religions room 103.

Parents and Families Group room 203.

FYI

Staff Update Our long-time church Building Supervisor, Earl Reynolds, will be retiring from the staff effective May 31. Watch for an announcement about a farewell celebration for Earl.

Our upstairs partner, Central Louisville Community Ministries, is in search for a new Executive Director. To keep things running smoothly, CLCM has appointed our DRE, Linette Lowe, to serve as interim Executive Director part-time through the end of May. Linette will still be serving as our DRE during that time.

EarthWalk 2018 + First U Hikers Come walk as part of the First U team on Saturday April 21, Iroquois Park, at 9am. First U is a sponsor of this walk along with many other community groups. Registration is \$10. To register, go to <https://louisvilleearthwalk.org/> If more information is needed, contact Kathy Gapsis at kgapsis@gmail.com.

Special Lost in Found Many Lovely Items Need A Home! Over the past several months many items have accumulated at church – dishes, serving pieces, storage containers, coolers, sweaters, jackets, decorative pieces – you name it! In order to help these items find their way home, we will have them all on display after church each Sunday in April. Please stop by the table in the Social Hall during coffee hour and see if anything belongs to you. ANY ITEMS LEFT UNCLAIMED ON APRIL 29 WILL BE “UP FOR GRABS” FOR A DONATION. AT THE END, THE REMAINDER WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY. Thank you, Resource Ministry. See Kathy Kremer for more information.

Christe’s Graduation TIME CHANGE The event will be at 3:00. It's coming sooner than you think!! Christe graduates in Chicago on Sunday May 20th, at 3pm. Put it on your calendar NOW, and start to make plans. If you are interested in riding up with First U members/friends, or paying to get on a private bus or van, contact Kathy Gapsis to get on the list. kgapsis@gmail.com

Young Adult and Adult OWL We hope to offer one or both of these OWL programs here at First U next year, and we're seeking facilitators. U of L is sponsoring a training right here in Louisville in June! Contact Linette at dre@firstulou.org if you are interested in becoming trained!

Save the Dates

May 6	Christe’s Farewell Celebration at First U
May 27	RE Service and All Church Picnic
June 3	Annual Meeting

Welcome to First Unitarian!

If you are a visitor to our congregation today, we trust you will find meaning in our service. First Unitarian Church is a liberal, self-governing, self-supporting church in covenant with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with their caregivers. Childcare is also available upstairs in room 214. If you find you need to step out of the service with your child, the service is piped into the library (the door by the organ).

Free Parking: The lot off 4th Street next to the church is free all day Sunday. The lot off York Street, across from the library, is free until 1:30pm.

Calendar of Events <http://firstulou.org/calendar>

~ We Are a Welcoming Congregation ~

We welcome all persons to participate fully, openly, and equally, in all aspects of our congregational life, in ever-widening circles of inclusion. We respect and affirm diversity and its gifts in race, ethnicity, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, family or relationship structure, gender identity, gender expression, sex, abilities, neurodiversity, age, socio-economic class, political views, religious belief, creed, or interpretation of religion.

Our Ministry Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, Interim Minister

Linette Lowe, Dir. Religious Exploration Christe Lunsford, Student Minister

Support Staff

Ethan McCollum, Choir Director	Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist
Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare/RE Asst.
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

ZOOM Into First U

Members and friends can sign into Zoom and access the service in real time. Go to the website www.firstulou.org. Click on the “Worship” tab. Then select “Livestreaming our Sunday Service” and follow the directions. You can also go to firstulou.org/online-service. Enjoy the service.