

First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

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

Service Coordinator: Kathy Kremer

Worship Associate: Kathy Thackeray

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Davidson

*“Our understanding of the world
and its intricate beauty grows day by day.
Our call is to recognize and savor its beauty
and to help heal the broken places.”*

~ Grace H. Simons, Unitarian Universalist Minister



April 22, 2018

“PERSEVERANCE”

SPEAKERS:

**PAT ALLISON, ROGER OHLMAN,
DEBBIE HESS, KATHY KREMER**

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Jill Sampson

Prelude

Ethan

Call to Worship

Earth Day
Invoking the Directions
Chalice Lighting

Kathy Kremer
Debbie Hess
Kathy Thackeray

+ **Hymn**

Blue Boat Home

#1064

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of Mission and Covenant (*unison*)

Kathy T.

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*)

Linette Lowe

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

Jill

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

With The Trees
By Julia Ecklar

Rodney Walston, guitar

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Moment for All Ages

Linette

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)

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| + Hymn | <i>We Celebrate the Web of Life</i> | #175, verse 1 |
| Reading Number One | from <i>Silent Spring</i>
By Rachel Carson (1962) | Pat Allison |
| + Hymn | <i>We Celebrate the Web of Life</i> | #175, verse 2 |
| Reading Number Two | <i>The Climate Emergency</i>
From a 2004 speech by Al Gore | Roger Ohlman |
| + Hymn | <i>We Celebrate the Web of Life</i> | #175, verse 4 |
| Planting Commitment for Our Future | | Debbie |
| Chant | <i>We All Come From the Goddess</i>
We all come from the Goddess
And to Her we shall return
Like a drop of rain
Flowing to the ocean | Debbie |

~ RETURNING ~

Closing Words	<i>Dismissing the Directions</i>	Debbie
Extinguishing the Chalice (<i>unison</i>)		Linette
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.		
Postlude	<i>Mother Earth</i>	video
Benediction	<i>To Soulfully Survive the World's Mayhem</i> by Heather Rion Starr	Roger

+ *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.

All Church Picnic! May 27 from 12:15-3:00

Church courtyard and social hall

Come celebrate together with

Food:  Veg & Sides

Fun: Bounce house, tarot readings, cotton candy,
face painting, bubbles, henna tattoos, & more

Friends: Church Folk!



Sponsored by the RE Ministry

Donations will be accepted

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, April 29

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Fortunetelling”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

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

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

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

Neurodiversity Devi Pierce will lead discussions on the difficult issues surrounding mental health conditions. Library, Rm. 103

Parents and Families Group Join Clare Gervasi, Co-Head of Magnolia Montessori, for a weekly parenting reflection group. In room 203.

Young Adult and Adult OWL

Did you know that OWL is not JUST for children and youth? Young Adult OWL helps participants navigate young adulthood with accurate information, increased self-knowledge, enhanced safety and strengthened interpersonal skills. Adult OWL uses values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points. This program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages, builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives.

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.

FYI

Worship Associate Training Are you interested in participating in worship services in a "starter" position? We will be training "Worship Associates" from 11-1 on Saturday, May 12. It is an easy job, but important in setting the stage for worship. You set up the chalice, candles and the bowl for stones. You serve as backup for the decorations and chancel set-up. You may be given the option to speak during a service, or you may prefer to be a silent assistant. During the service you drop stones in the bowl and hold the bowl of stones for the celebrants. After the service you do a little straightening of the area - and that is it! The training will include pizza - it is lunchtime on a Saturday! Please RSVP to Pam (pamiddleton1@gmail.com). If you have been a worship associate, but want a refresher course and lunch - please join us!

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.

Free Film Showing: The Mask You Live In (Today) The film follows boys and young men as their struggle to stay true to themselves while navigating America’s narrow definition of masculinity. join us for a free screening of this important film followed by a group discussion of how we as a community can support each other to redefine what it means to be a PERSON in our culture today. April 22 at 3:00 in First U sanctuary. Brought to you by Bluegrass Brotherhood.

Christe’s Graduation 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

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.

Service Auction Report

The service auction was a success! The total from last week was: \$9032
Bidder #43 won the \$100 raffle.
We had 45 total bidders participating.

We tried something new this year which was a "buy it now for \$1" table full of DVD's, books, jewelry, etc. and it was deemed a success – we sold \$123 worth of those items on Sunday.

We have a few service auction items left to sell – trips on a hayride, blackberry picking, lunch with a pro-recycler, etc

If you didn't take your item home, please do so today.

We owe a HUGE thank you out to a lot of people.

1. Auctioneers: John Findling + Lincoln Crum
2. Spreadsheet Master + Money Takers: Amrita Pettus, Holly Hogue, and Rick Hogue
3. The Fundraising Team: Jill Sherman, Devi Pierce, Peggy Muller
4. The Muscle: John Peabody + Lee Wells
5. The Bar: Dianna Ott (who had the great idea of Bloody Mary's...)
6. Pat Triplett for handing out BIDDER Numbers
7. Del Ramey, Suzanne Meeks and Kathy Kremer for helping with the silent auction

AND... All the folks that cleaned up, tidied up and generally made the day go great!

AND... all the people who donated items + services to this amazing cause!

AND... all 45 bidders that made this whole thing worth it by raising \$9000!

Hats Off to Sharon Eckler

After many years of dedicated service, Sharon has officially retired as Executive Director of Central Louisville Community Ministries. All are invited to a reception for Sharon to honor and thank her for her service, and to celebrate her future adventures in retirement! Join us **Friday, April 27 between 4:00-6:00pm**. Light hors d'oeuvres, wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea will be served. Questions? Contact Mary Ballard at ballardmb2@bellsouth.net.

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.