

# **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: Christe Lunsford

Worship Associate: Pat Triplett

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Rogers



April 8, 2018

**“THEOLOGY OF O”**

**SPEAKER:**

**CHRISTE LUNSFORD**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Ethan McCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Jill Sampson

**Prelude**

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Pat Triplett

**Call to Worship**

Christe Lunsford

+ **Hymn**

*May I Be Filled with Loving Kindness*

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## ~ 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.

**Buddhist Meditation of Lovingkindness**

**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**

Ethan

**~ EXPLORING ~**

**Moment for All Ages**

*Jewell and the Robe*

Rev. Kathy Hurt

**Sermon**

*Theology of O*

Christe

**+ Hymn**

*Wake Now My Senses*

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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**

Christe

**Postlude**

Ethan

**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.

**Save the Dates**

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

**Join Us Next Week: Sunday, April 15**

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*“Spiritual Audit”*

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

**Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45**

*See Class Descriptions at [firstulou.org/cre](http://firstulou.org/cre) (children) and [firstulou.org/lre](http://firstulou.org/lre) (adult)*

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

### **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](mailto:dre@firstulou.org) if you are interested in becoming trained!

### **FYI**

**April Luncheon** The Luncheon after the Celebration of Life is TODAY.

**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.

**Black Lives Matter vigil** Join us our the Celebration of Life for our monthly BLM vigil for 30 minutes, on 4th St in front of the church. Signs provided. Let's witness for our progressive faith! The vigil seeks to create a space for reflection and connection.

**First U Monday Night Book Club** will be meeting in the LIBRARY on April 9 to discuss *Unfinished Man* by Jim Wayne. The discussion leader will be Jill Harmer. Also, our book club has been registered with Carmichael's Bookstore for a 20% discount on books which are on our reading list. Just let them know you are a member of the First U Book Club and enjoy the discount.

**Brownbaggers Time Travel to the 1939 World's Fair!** Join us Monday, April 9, 2018 at 12 noon in the church library to hear John Findling and Cassandra Culin discuss the 1939 New York Worlds Fair and the part Cassandra's dad played in the event!

**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

**First Unitarian Service Auction  
Sunday April 15th 1:00 - 3:00pm**

Mark your calendars and 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 you donate?** Can you drive someone to the airport? Entertain at a party? Cook a meal? Repair a lamp? Paint a portrait? Babysit? Teach a skill? Prepare a will? Donate theatre tickets? Let someone use your cottage or timeshare? Rake leaves? Get a gift certificate from a restaurant, hotel, or other business? Don't forget items for the silent auction as well -- popular items include original artwork, handmade jewelry, quilts, and antiques.

**You can help** raise money for our church by donating, by bidding and by asking businesses for gift certificates or other items for the auction.

**Place your donations** in the parlor beginning April 8. Please be sure to label items "for Service Auction." You can call the church 502-585-5110 to see when someone is here if you'd like to drop things off during the week. Email the church office to see if there are alternate (evening/weekend) times available for drop off.

## 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](http://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](http://firstulou.org/online-service). Enjoy the service.