

## 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

### **Support Staff**

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

### **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.

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

(502) 585-5110

[www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org)

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

Service Coordinator: Pam Middleton

Worship Associate: Cassandra Culin

**Chancel Decoration:**

# *Thoughts?*

August 5, 2018

**“CREATION SPIRITUALITY”**

**SINGER/SPEAKER: JOHN GAGE**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Ethan McCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Kristen Drehmel

**Prelude**

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Pam Middleton

**Call to Worship**

John Gage

+ **Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration of Mission and Covenant** (*unison*)

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*)

There is more love somewhere.  
There is more love somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.

2. Hope 3. Peace 4. Joy

**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**

Ethan

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Moment for All Ages**

*Eternal Truths*

Pam

**Sermon**

*Creation Spirituality*

John

+ **Hymn**

*All My Life's a Circle*

on slides

~ **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**

John

**Postlude**

*This is My Father's World*

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*

**Children's Celebration** Ahh, summertime. Everyone needs a break, including our wonderful Children's Celebration volunteers. There will not be Children's Celebration during the service. However, there will be childcare available for infants and toddlers in Room 214. Happy summer!

**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.

## **Today's Speaker/Singer: John Gage**

John is a highly esteemed Louisville-based folk singer/song-writer. His voice and guitar make solid listening and draw on the alchemy of ancient balladeers and poets, transporting listeners inwardly for reflection and intimacy. He has been a long-time friend of the Unitarian Church, and has led services here more than any other local guest. His songs are thoughtful, and his sermons inspiring.

He is host and emcee of *Kentucky Homefront*, a radio show that preserves Kentucky's cultural heritage through storytelling and traditional music. The show features Kentucky's finest acoustic folk, traditional, blues, country, and bluegrass musicians, and its best storytellers.

## **Join Us Next Week: Sunday, August 12**

Water Communion  
Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

As we come back together after our summer holidays and adventures, we will share real or virtual waters, symbolizing our journeys, experiences, and life lessons. The "First Sunday" Lunch will take place that day as well.

## **RE Cleanout August 12!**

Help us prepare our RE classrooms for the new RE year!  
Task lists available--go to the RE lobby upstairs at 9:45 to help!

## **Children's RE: Registration and Volunteer Signup August 12 and 19**

Once again this year, we will be having online registration for all children and youth participating in our Religious Exploration programming. Computers and helpers will be available on August 12 and 19 in the upstairs RE lobby.

Registration is crucial for safety, so that we know the needs of each child in the program, and so we can contact caregivers if needed. The link is available on our website [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org) under the Learning tab. Fall programming begins August 19!

We will also use SignUpGenius again this year to fill our Children's Celebration Leader and RE volunteer spots each Sunday. Bring your calendars and sign up for at least four hours per semester for our RE Co-Op! RE doesn't work without YOU! This link is also available on the church website under Learning.

## FYI

**“First” Sunday Lunch Date Change** The August and September lunches will be held the second weeks of the month, August 12 and September 9. This allows us to have lunch after the Water Communion in August and avoid Labor Day Weekend in September.

**Black Lives Matter Vigil** Join us after the Celebration of Life Sunday, August 12. Signs are provided, and your family and friends are welcome to join us in this important witness.

**RE Registration Now Online** Go to our website: [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org). Under the Learning tab, choose Children's Religious Exploration, then scroll down to the RE Registration link. Computers will be available Aug. 12 from 9:45-10:45 in the upstairs RE lobby, or register at your leisure at home. All children and youth must be registered to attend!

**Fall RE** begins August 19! Look for class descriptions on the web site.

**RE Cleanout** August 12! Help us prepare our RE classrooms for the new RE year! Task lists available--go to the RE lobby upstairs at 9:45 to help!

**RE Coordinator Position** First Unitarian Church of Louisville is hiring a part-time Religious Exploration Coordinator to plan and implement our church education program for children and adults. Responsibilities include recruiting and guiding/supporting volunteers who work in the program, serving as a teacher or program facilitator, supervising Sunday activities, and supervising two support staff. The Coordinator will prepare a monthly report for the Board, meet monthly with the RE Ministry, and participate in weekly staff meetings. This position reports to the Minister. To apply, send a resume and letter of interest to [minister@firstulou.org](mailto:minister@firstulou.org).

**Fresh Stop Market** If you'd like to donate money in order to help provide fresh food for low income residents, it would be appreciated. Every dollar helps. Want to know more? Contact [www.newroots.org](http://www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice at [velma2720@yahoo.com](mailto:velma2720@yahoo.com) or 502-234-0607.

Next delivery: Wednesday, August 15

Order deadline: Friday, August 10



**Save the Date**  
**September 30**

Join us to bring our city together  
and end the violence!

See Trish Ramey for more information.