

# 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: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Clare Zigner

Chancel Decoration: Janice Molnar



February 11, 2018

**“IT AIN’T PERFECT”**

**SPEAKER:**

**REV. DR. KATHY HURT**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Jill Sampson

**Prelude**

*Sing a Song Today*

First U Choir

**Chalice Lighting**

Clare Zigner

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

*We Laugh We Cry*

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Verses 1 and 4

## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration** (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

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

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

*Daydream*  
Robert Vandall

Brytner

## ~ EXPLORING ~

### Moment for All Ages

### 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)

## Special Music

*Japanese Bowl*  
Peter Mayer

Tyler Dippold

## Sermon

*It Ain't Perfect*

Rev. Kathy

## + Hymn

*How Could Anyone?*

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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

## Postlude

*Here in the Silence*

First U Choir

## 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.

## Join Us Next Week: Sunday, February 18

### Celebration of Life 11:00 am

*"Now More Than Ever"*

Child Dedication Sunday (see the FYI for more information)

Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Each Sunday we sing "make us aware we are a sanctuary," and our congregation is in a discernment process to consider whether and how we might offer sanctuary to others. What makes this place (or any place) a sanctuary, and why does each of us seem to need a sanctuary in our lives? This service considers the many meanings of having a sacred and safe place, as we launch our annual stewardship campaign and invite everyone to review their commitments to the church.

### 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)*

Classes meeting February 18

#### Children's Classes

**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

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

**Women's Spirituality Group** Part II of the *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* program. In order to facilitate the spiritual deepening and sharing of participants, this is a closed group.

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

#### **Women's Alliance Spaghetti Luncheon ~ Next Sunday!**

#### **Proceeds benefit Solar Array ~ Everyone Invited!**

Come enjoy some delicious spaghetti with sauce, salad, garlic bread and of course - dessert! Suggested minimum donations: \$5 adults, \$3 for 12 and under. Proceeds to help maintain and enlarge the solar array on the church roof.

## FYI

**Coffee in the Social Hall** Join us for a cup of coffee before or after the service!

**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.

**Brownbaggers Steamed Up!** We will hear from Janice Molnar about the Howard Steamboat museum - Come join us Monday, February 12 at 12:00 noon in the church library TOOT TOOT!!

**First U Book Club** will be meeting in the Parlor on Monday, February 12th at 6pm to discuss the book *Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. The Discussion leader is Clare Zigner. Please join us. The book for March will be *A Colony in a Nation* by Chris Haynes. Discussion leader Jill Sampson

**Child Dedication February 18** Children and youth of all ages can be dedicated at this annual ceremony. Please contact Linette Lowe at [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org) if you would like your child(ren) dedicated during the service.

**Volunteer Opportunity** Are you new to First U? Are you looking for a place to volunteer that won't involve extra time in your busy schedule? Let me suggest USHERING! All it involves is arriving 1/2 hour before the service starts, setting up the ushering table, smiling at people and handing out programs as they arrive, collecting the offering, counting the people in the service and picking up stray paper afterward. Not a huge time consumer like committee meetings. The only special expectation of ushers is that you participate in safety drills, and understand your role in directing people to a safe place in the unlikely event of natural or un-natural disaster (fire, tornado, human threat). If you are able and willing to volunteer, please contact Pam at [pamiddleton1@gmail.com](mailto:pamiddleton1@gmail.com) or text to 502-387-9314.

### **Issues and Priorities of the Church**

**Tuesday, February 13 from 7 to 9 pm**

The Board and Ministry Council of First Unitarian Church of Louisville will be wrestling with the tough issues associated with balancing our church budget, planning financially for calling a new minister and working on the priorities for the next few church years.

All are welcome to observe or participate as we head into stewardship and budget season!

**Social Justice Webinar Series** Next session Tuesday, February 13, *Breaking Down the Silos: An Assessment Model for Social Justice-Rooted Congregations - Part 1/2*. This is presented by The UUA Mid-America Region and Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance as a monthly six part Social Justice webinar series. Join us at First U Louisville at 7:45pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Questions, contact Del (del.ramey@ieee.org) or Trish Ramey (tramey@alum.bu.edu).  
(<https://www.midamericauua.org/resources/justice>).

**CLOUT and UU** The Unitarian Universalist Fund for a Just Society has awarded a \$10,000 grant to CLOUT, thanks to our church's involvement. The next meeting for First Unitarian's CLOUT Network members will be March 4. Get your lunch and join us in the Open Classroom, room 205. This meeting is to help us get organized to invite all our members to our big Assembly April 17—anyone interested in being more active in CLOUT can attend. CLOUT = “Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together” and is a coalition of 22 separate and diverse congregations working together to make Louisville a better place to live for all!

**Sign Petition for Reproductive Justice Bills** A bill supporting sex education in Kentucky public schools and other bills relating to reproductive justice are now being considered by the state legislature. See Trish Ramey or Millie Peters after the Celebration of Life to sign a petition asking policymakers to honor Moral Autonomy for ALL Kentuckians.

**New to UU Class Sunday, March 4 at 12:30 in church library**

- Are you new to First U and Unitarian Universalism?
- Interested in learning more about the history of our church, as well as the history and story of Unitarians and Universalists?
- Or maybe you've been attending First U for a while but never had the opportunity to sit in on a class and hear our story or share yours.

Whatever your situation or wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us for the New to UU class. The class lasts about 2 ½ hrs.

- Lunch will be provided at our usual first Sunday luncheon.
- Childcare will be available.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by contacting Claudia Runge at [502-608-5710](tel:502-608-5710) or [claudiarun@gmail.com](mailto:claudiarun@gmail.com). If you aren't sure you can attend but find at the last minute that you can be there, drop in and join us anyway. Everyone is welcome.

## RE NEWS

**Assistants Needed** In order to meet our Child and Youth Protection Policy's standard, we need to have two adults in each children's classroom on Sundays. Please consider signing up to assist in a class one Sunday a month. It's easy! The Leader handles the content, and you provide assistance as needed. It's a great way to get to know our younger UUs and to learn more about Unitarian Universalism! You may sign up using the SignupGenius link (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aca72ca1f85-sunday>) or on the church website under the Learning tab in Children's RE. Thank you for making great RE possible!

**REmind: Going Digital** Attention RE Families! RE communications are going digital this month with REmind. No more lost, costly, and environmentally unjustifiable pieces of paper being sent home with your kiddos. Instead, sign up for each of your children's classes using their class code and get a once-a-week Remind message via text or email. The message will have their class' Taking It Home and any announcements for the week. The class codes are available on the church website and in your child's classroom. Please sign up this week! Questions? Contact Linette at [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org)

**Important! Online RE Registration** Each year our congregation certifies to the national Unitarian Universalist Association how many active members and folks attending RE we have. The way we know about RE enrollment is through our online roster, so if you have children and/or youth attending RE programming (even just occasionally), please go to our website at [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org) to the "Learning" tab, choose Children's Religious Exploration, and use the online link to register them there. If you are unable to register online, please call Linette at the church so that we may have an accurate count and so that we may communicate with you. Thank you!

### **DONATE ITEMS FOR CLCM – First Sundays of the Month**

Donations from First U members and friends are welcome year round at any time, but we will be making a focused collection on the first Sunday of each month this year. What does CLCM need?

**FOOD** canned goods (meats, vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, soups, stews)-non-perishable food like pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** toilet paper, shampoo, esp for black hair, soap, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, dishwashing soap

**CLOTHES** gently used men/women's shirts and pants, coats, new socks and underwear.

**VOLUNTEERS and 2018 CALENDARS**

## 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	Christina Roberts, Childcare Coordinator
Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare staff and RE Assistant
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian
Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist	

### 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.