

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: Pat Triplett

Chancel Decoration: Elizabeth Fairhead



February 18, 2018

“NOW, MORE THAN EVER”

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristen Drehmel

Prelude

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Madeline Sherman

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Soon the Day Will Arrive

#146

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration (*unison*)

Linette Lowe

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

Ethan

~ EXPLORING ~

Dedication of the Children

Leader: To the children and families we have blessed today, we welcome you among us.

***All:* We give thanks for your lives, and for the new hope you bring.**

Leader: With the elements, we have blessed you. We give you a budding rose, for it is the symbol of unfolding life and love. We will appreciate your uniqueness, we will teach you and learn from you, we will love you and respect you.

***Congregation:* We will delight in your accomplishments, we will share in your sorrows, we will encourage you in every way as you grow into adulthood. And whatever may come to you, as life encompasses much joy and pain, we promise to hold our hearts open to you.**

***Parents/Guardians:* We dedicate ourselves to do all that we can to provide you with roots, so that you may feel safe, and wings, so that you may fly. We will strive to share with you the beauty and the goodness of life.**

***All:* We will support you through all the experiences of life.**

Leader: Praise be to all that is holy for your lives. May we be a faith and people worthy of the blessings you bestow upon us. Amen. Blessed Be.

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

Now, More Than Ever

Rev. Kathy

Stewardship Moment

Devi Pierce

+ **Hymn**

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

#1008

~ **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

Ethan

Benediction (*unison*)

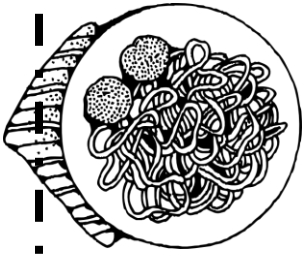
Rev. Kathy

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.



Women's Alliance Spaghetti Luncheon TODAY!

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.

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, February 25

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

"Change Can Be Hard"

Speaker: Christe Lunsford

Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

See Class Descriptions at firstulou.org/cre (children) and firstulou.org/lre (adult)
Classes meeting February 25

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

World Religions Elizabeth Fairhead leads a brief introduction to religious traditions practiced around the world and in our own community that will support the faith development of participants. The class will touch on both eastern and western religions. Meets on fourth Sundays in the Library, Room 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.

FYI

First U Hikers Weather permitting, we'll try a hike this Sunday, Feb 18, at 4pm, at Cave Hill Cemetery. Easy walk on paved surface, no experience needed. Contact Roger Ohlman, rohlman@twc.com, if you need more details, or to check for cancellation due to rain.

Tret Fure Concert Save your dollars! The Fundraising Committee is pleased to host Tret Fure, a singer/songwriter, who will be performing at First U at 7:00pm on Saturday, March 3rd. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased from Peggy Mueller or Devi Pierce or at the door. Ticket price includes an afterglow party with free drinks and snacks. All are welcome to attend although childcare will not be available.

UUA Book Sale There will be a UUA Book Sale Event after the Sunday service on March 18th in the library until 3:00pm. Many titles from the UU In Spirit Bookstore will be on sale, including this year's common read. Join us for a chance to update your UU and social justice library!

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

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. 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.

CLOUT and UU next meeting will be March 4.at 12:15. 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.

RE 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. 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

Important! Online RE Registration Have you registered? If not, please go to our website at 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 – 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, personal care items, clothing, volunteers, and 2018 calendars.

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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Usher If you are able and willing to volunteer, please contact Pam at pamiddleton1@gmail.com or text to 502-387-9314. She'll be happy to answer questions about the job.

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. 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.