

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: Kathy Thackeray

Chancel Decoration: Kay Woodworth



February 25, 2018

“CHANGE CAN BE HARD”

SPEAKER:

CHRISTE LUNSFORD

Gathering Music

Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kathy Drehmel

Prelude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Brytner

Chalice Lighting

The 8th Principle

Kathy Thackeray

Covenant

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Kathy D.

*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

Whatsoever Things are Pure and Just

First U Choir

Moment for All Ages

Rev. Kathy Hurt

Joys and Sorrows (*unison*)

When I breathe in, I breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Moment of Silence

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)

Testimony

Video

DeReau Farrar, Music Director
First Unitarian Church Portland

Sung Response

Amen

Reading

"An American Flag on My Tasbee"

Soup for the Soul

Saturday, March 10 at 5pm in the First U Social Hall

Enter your favorite soup and/or dessert. \$5 per entry and vote for your top 3 choices in the category.

Vote \$5 per person per category to vote for your top 3 choices. Maximum \$20 per family.

Win fabulous prizes. Gain the respect of your peers. A tasty time is guaranteed so bring your friends. Sponsored by The Women's Alliance who invites you to attend. Proceeds go to support Black Lives Matter.

Immigration and the Law: Q & A Speaker

Immigration Attorney, Ron Russell

Sunday, March 4 at 1:00pm

First U's Immigration Justice Leadership Team will host a Q&A session with immigration attorney Ron Russell on Sunday, March 4 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. This is to inform and prepare the congregation to vote on a resolution to consider offering physical sanctuary to undocumented immigrants in our community, but is also open to the public.

Mr. Russell began practicing immigration law in 1989. He is licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Russell successfully represented clients throughout the United States and world in all areas of family-based and employment-based immigration, as well as in asylum applications and removal proceedings. A graduate of the University of Louisville, Mr. Russell is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) as well as a dedicated advocate. He also serves on the Board of the Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and is a member of the Louisville-based Hispanic Latino Coalition, and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Mr. Russell no longer represents individual clients. However, he continues to serve as a consultant for the firm that bears his name.

The public is invited. For more information, contact Kathy Kremer at kathykremer11@gmail.com

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/409of49aca72ca1f85-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!

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.

Donate Items for Central Louisville Community Ministries

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, cereal

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS toilet paper, shampoo, esp for black hair, soap, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, dish-washing soap

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

VOLUNTEERS and 2018 CALENDARS

Homily	<i>Change Can Be Hard: UUA</i>	Christe Lunsford
Hymn	<i>When Israel Was in Egypt Land</i>	#104
Homily	<i>Change Can Be Hard: First U</i>	Christe
Hymn	<i>De Colores</i>	#305

Closing Words

Mission *(unison)*

We are a church of reason and spirit
that witnesses for progressive faith,
Nurtures our community and transforms our world.

Hymn	<i>When the Spirit Says Do</i>	#1024
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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.

Benediction *(unison)*

Know that you are loved, in all your hurt and joy
and with all your brokenness – your whole self is loved here.
And Know I am loveable, with all my hurt and joy
and with all my brokenness, my whole self is loved here.
May we hold all that we find broken in the world – gently.
Healing the brokenness. Loving the world whole.

Postlude	Brytner
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+ *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.

Tret Fure Concert Saturday, March 3

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.

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, March 4

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Tightrope”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

With a theme for March of balance, this service considers how we strike a balance in a diverse congregation without creedal boundaries, and balance in lives that pull us in many and often conflicting directions. What keeps us from running off the rails? How do we honor multiple voices without the voices turning into a cacophony? And how do we know when we might have gone too far in a direction so that we become off balance, in our lives and in our church?

Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

See Class Descriptions at firstulou.org/cre (children) and firstulou.org/lre (adult)

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.

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.

FYI

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!

Civil Rights March Re-enactment Today Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church invites us to join them in "Crossing Over," a re-enactment of the 1965 Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, at 3:15pm beginning at their church at 318 W. St. Catherine Street. The event continues in their sanctuary at 4:00pm which will feature music and stories about civil rights leaders. Teresa Kellam, host of the Praize Party on WLOU radio, will be the guest speaker.

CLOUT and UU next meeting will be next Sunday, 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.

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

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.