

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

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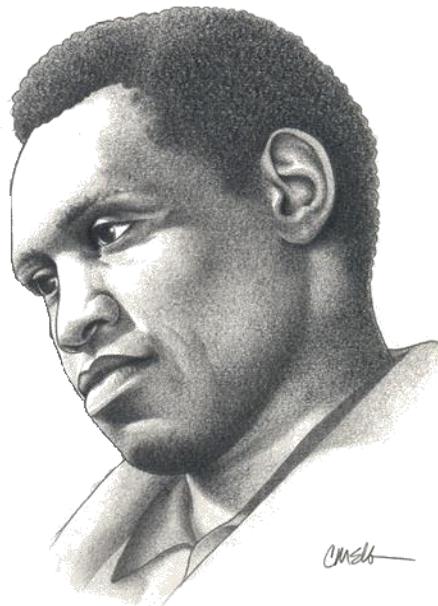
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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

Service Coordinator: Jane Martin Buckley

Worship Associate: Nancy MacPherson

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Eickmann



February 4, 2018

**“GEORGIA DOUGLAS JOHNSON  
AND PAUL ROBESON”**

**AS PORTRAYED BY:**

**LINDA BERRY & MICHAEL TEE**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Ethan McCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Clare Gervasi

**Prelude**

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Nancy MacPherson

**Call to Worship**

Jane Martin Buckley

+ **Hymn**

*Now Let Us Sing*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration** (*unison*)

Linda Berry

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**

Clare

*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**

Cassandra Culin

**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**

*Georgia Douglas Johnson and Paul Robeson*

Linda Berry  
Michael Tee

+ **Hymn**

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~ **RETURNING** ~

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (*unison*)

Linda

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**

Linda

**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.

**Georgia Douglas Johnson** was an African-American poet, one of the earliest African-American playwrights, and an important participant in the Harlem Renaissance.

**Paul Leroy Robeson** was an American bass baritone singer and actor who became involved with the Civil Rights Movement. At Rutgers College, he was a football player, and then had an international career in singing, as well as acting. In theater and movies, he became politically involved in response to the Spanish Civil War, fascism, and social injustices. His advocacy of anti-imperialism, affiliation with communism, and criticism of the United States government caused him to be blacklisted during the McCarthy era.

## Common Dust

And who shall separate the dust  
What later we shall be:  
Whose keen discerning eye will scan  
And solve the mystery?

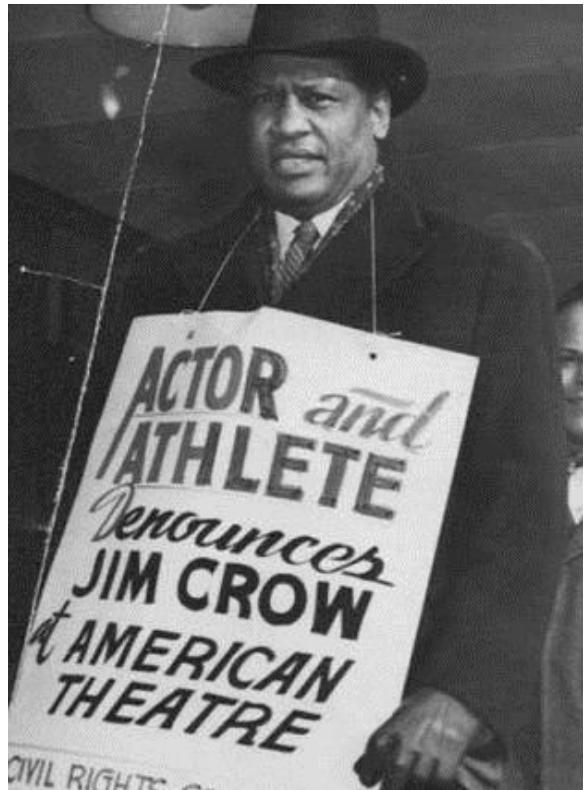
The high, the low, the rich, the poor,

The black, the white, the red,  
And all the chromatique between,  
Of whom shall it be said:

Here lies the dust of Africa;  
Here are the sons of Rome;  
Here lies the one unlabelled,  
The world at large his home!

Can one then separate the dust?  
Will mankind lie apart,  
When life has settled back again  
The same as from the start?

~ Georgia Douglas Johnson



~ Paul Robeson pickets at the American Theatre in St. Louis

**Join Us Next Week: Sunday, February 11**

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*"It Ain't Perfect"*

Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

We need respect in order to thrive, the respect that comes from others and the respect that manifests in how we care for ourselves. We know what it looks and feels like to be respected (or disrespected) by those around us; what does self-respect look and feel like, and how can we do a better job of it?

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

**Classes meeting February 11**

*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

**Multigenerational One Room Schoolhouse** Join us for Multigen One Room Schoolhouse (MORSH?), where we will explore February's theme of Respect through a song, story, mindfulness practice, and activity stations – and adults can be part of the fun and learning, too! Activities will include making Valentine's cards for those in our congregation who can't get out anymore, mural-making, music, a wisdom story, and more. We meet in the Social Hall.

**Parents and Families Group** Meets weekly in room 203.

**Women's Spirituality Group** Closed Group. Register today. Meets weekly in the Parlor, Rm. 101.

**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!

**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)

## FYI

**Mass Emails** Our system isn't working, Contact the office (office@firstulou.org) to request updates be sent to you personally or check facebook.

**First Sunday Lunch Menu** White chili, with chicken or vegetarian, Cornbread, Green salad with mandarin oranges, Spice cake with cream cheese frosting. First time visitors are our guests. Suggested donation is \$5.

**CLOUT Affordable Housing Update** February 8 Jane Buckley (currently serving as Vice President of CLOUT) will speak at the Metro City Council Meeting Thursday, February 8 at 5:45 held at City Hall (6<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson). All First Unitarian members are requested to be in the chambers as a show of support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. CLOUT is again this year petitioning for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be awarded \$10 million in the Louisville Metro City Budget. CLOUT is also advocating for a dedicated source of funding from the city. (Trish Ramey is co-chair of CLOUT Housing Committee – ask her for more details.) Contact Trish is you would like to carpool to the Council Meeting.

**Women's Alliance Quarterly Meeting** February 10, in the social hall, 10:00am-noon. We will socialize with snacks, hear a presentation by Sue Kelly Ballard, the author of a biography of Rebecca Boone, and conduct some important business, including a review of our bylaws. Dues are due at this meeting - \$10 per year. As always, special arrangements are available for individuals unable to afford dues. Please join us!!

**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 if you would like your child(ren) dedicated during the service.

**Women's Alliance Spaghetti Luncheon to Benefit Solar Array** February 18 after church in the social hall. Everyone Invited! Come enjoy some delicious spaghetti with sauce, salad, garlic bread and of course - dessert! Suggested minimum donations: \$5 adults, \$3 for 12 & under. Proceeds to help maintain and enlarge the solar array on the church roof.

**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. Sign up on the church website under the Learning tab in Children's RE or SignupGenius link (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409of49aca72ca1f85-sunday>). Thank you for making great RE possible!

**CLCM Donations** 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? Please bring in food, personal care items, clothing and underwear, 2018 calendars, donations, and volunteers.

**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!

**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>).

**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. This petition will be sent to the legislators.

**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 1/2 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 502-6085710 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.

## 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.