

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: Brian Daly

Worship Associate: Pat Allison

Chancel Decoration: Lois Allen



January 14, 2018

“BEYOND MAKING AMERICA GREAT - UUS AND MLK”

SPEAKERS:

DAVID COOPER AND BRIAN DALY

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Jill Sampson

Prelude

Here in the Silence

First U Choir

Chalice Lighting

Priscilla Walston

Call to Worship

Brian Daly

+ **Hymn**

Peace Like a River

#100

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration (*unison*)

Brian

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

Love is Little

First U Choir

~ EXPLORING ~

Moment for All Ages

Brian

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

"Beyond Making America Great – UUs and MLK"

David Cooper
Brian Daly

+ Hymn

One More Step

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~ RETURNING ~

Extinguishing the Chalice *(unison)*

Brian

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

David

Postlude

Brytner

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.

~ About Today's Service ~

“Make America Great” was part of a slogan for a marketing campaign that changed America. We are now engaged in a great battle for the soul of our country. UUs are active in this debate and have a special responsibility for engaging in activism because of our seven principles and direct connection with Martin Luther King’s principles of nonviolence. David Cooper, an educator, poet, social justice advocate, and UU member will explore with First U member Brian Daly actions we can take to live our UU principles.

~ About Our Speakers ~

David L. Cooper has taught English and African American history at Jefferson Community and Technical College and is an active UU with the Thomas Jefferson church. He is past president of the local faculty and staff union, an American Federation of Teachers affiliate, and has received several awards for college teaching including the University of Kentucky Great Teacher Award. David was previously a reporter for the Courier Journal has published articles in both *Black Enterprise* and *Essence* magazines and pieces in numerous poetry publications. He has a blog called: “The Poet’s Eye” on blogger. <http://rudylane.blogspot.com>. He is an active social justice commentator on social media.

Brian Daly is a member of First U and is a former university administrator and teaches graduate courses in management and statistics. He currently volunteers as executive director of the Patient-Centered Education and Research Institute. He has been active in social justice activities and has participated in many social action campaigns.

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, January 21 Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“The Courage to Bear Witness: 50 Years of Photography”
Speaker: Bud Dorsey

Bud Dorsey has been photographing the black experience in and around West Louisville for over fifty years. After 17 years freelancing followed by 21 years as the Louisville Defender's sole staff photographer, Bud retired. He didn't stop being a photojournalist. Having survived cancer, he feels called on to continue documenting the black life and community of Louisville.

Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

See the new adult classes and descriptions are shown after the FYI and at <http://firstulou.org/lre>

FYI

Black Lives Matter Vigil Join us after the service as we exit through the front door at Heywood House, and have our vigil on 4th Street. Our vigils provide an opportunity for church members and friends to speak up, identify as allies, and invite a conversation about race. It lasts about 30 minutes and signs are provided.

Shannon Stromberg A memorial service for Shannon Stromberg will be held today at First Unitarian at 2:00pm. See Pam Middleton for more information about the service.

Potluck and Game Night Join us at 6:00 Friday January 19. Bring a dish to share and a favorite game! Everyone is welcome.

Coffee in the Social Hall Join us for a cup of coffee before or after the service! (If you are the one making coffee, please remember to just use one package per pot!) Contributions toward the cost are welcomed.

Really, Really Free Market POSTPONED The event scheduled for this weekend will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 4-6pm. Join us for the Really Really Free Market at First Unitarian on from 4-6 PM. What is a Really Really Free Market? It's like a community yard sale where everything is free. What can I bring? Anything you'd like to give. From clothes that no longer fit to food, books, stories, crafts, services, performances, music, a skill you'd like to share, or anything else that you think would benefit the community. Sponsored by Mission & Outreach.

Social Justice Webinar Series Next session 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 through June to view each webinar. Questions, contact Del (del.ramey@ieee.org) or Trish Ramey (tramey@alum.bu.edu). More information (<https://www.midamericauua.org/resources/justice>).

Anne Caudill died recently at the age of 93. Her memorial service will be Saturday, January 27 at 1pm at Kraft Funeral Home, 708 E. Spring St, New Albany, with visitation beforehand.

Recycle Your Old Christmas Lights Your old lights can be turned into cash by First U's Solar Array Project and used to buy more solar panels for First U! Drop them into the SAP aluminum can receptacle in the courtyard (outside the kitchen door) or give them to Joe or Kathy Kremer. Questions? Email Joe (joe_kremer_99@yahoo.com).

Notes from The Intern Team

Where's our ministerial intern Christe Lunsford these days? Christe is moving into the final months of their internship, and here's an update on their schedule!

In January, Christe will be in Chicago completing coursework at Meadville Lombard Theological School. They will return briefly to Louisville in early February, but then travel to Portland OR for a UUMN (Unitarian Universalist Musician Network) Board of Trustees annual meeting.

Christe will return to Louisville the first 2 weeks of March, and be back at Meadville the last 2 weeks. On April 1, Christe is preaching at Clifton UU Church here in Louisville. Through the month of April, they will be completing coursework assignments, receiving the Intern Team final evaluation, and preparing for their final day as intern here at First U, on May 13. Graduation is Sunday May 20, at 4pm, at First U church in Chicago. Wouldn't it be awesome to have as many of us there as possible to share this very special occasion with Christe?? Mark your calendar NOW, and contact Kathy Gapsis, Intern Team chair, if you are interested in attending - we may rent a bus if there is enough interest.

Christe's ordination will probably be in June of 2019. In the year between graduation and ordination, Christe will have no contact with us at First U, as mandated by UUA guidelines for departing ministers and interns. This is to allow time for new schedules and staff to move ahead here at First U without influence from Christe. Hard as this may be, it allows for more effective transitions for both the intern and the congregation. Christe's partner, Dianna Ott, will be remaining in Louisville during the year, and here we must also respect boundaries of separation. It would not be appropriate to ask Dianna to carry information to or from Christe during this time.

Lots of transitions ahead! We are all wishing Christe the best in the coming months!

NEW Adult RE Classes Began Today

Neurodiversity Dr. Devi Pierce will lead discussions on definitions and characteristics associated with Autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, mood disorders, addictive behaviors, dementia, personality disorders and psychotic disorders. The class will explore how the congregation might make accommodations for welcoming and including people with these diagnoses and how a greater understanding of neurodiversity can contribute to our spiritual growth and the expression of the seven principles. Meets first and third Sundays in the Library, Rm. 103.

World Religions Elizabeth Fairhead will lead 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, Rm. 103.

Parents and Families Group Join an informal, self-directed discussion circle for those who are currently parenting, have done so in the past, or aspire to. Discussion topics provided. Weekly in room 203.

Multigenerational One Room Schoolhouse (MORSH) On the second Sunday of the month, adults, children and youth gather with Linette and friends to explore the ministry theme through a song, story, mindfulness practice, and activity stations. And now, adults can be part of the fun and learning, too! This is a great opportunity to get to know our community members of all ages--you never know when you will make a new friend. Please plan to join us and support our efforts to grow community through religious exploration--together! Second Sundays in the Social Hall.

Women's Spirituality Group In Part II of the *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* program, we will continue our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally, we will celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology. Begins February 4, weekly in the Parlor, Rm. 101. In order to facilitate the spiritual deepening and sharing of participants, this will be a closed group, so plan to register in class on Feb. 4.

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.