

# 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: Jane Martin Buckley

Worship Associate: Barbra Justice

Chancel Decoration: James Jeffries



*I believe in  
the inherent  
worth and  
dignity of  
every person.*

January 28, 2018

**“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?  
THE COURAGE TO DECIDE”**

**SPEAKER:**

**ANDREW STONE PORTER**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Nancy MacPherson

**Prelude**

*Deportee*

Barbra Justice

**Chalice Lighting**

Elijah Borders

**Call to Worship**

Trish Ramey

+ **Hymn**

*Answering the Call of Love*

## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Covenant** (*unison*)

Jane Martin Buckley

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**

Nancy

*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**

*Cuando el Pobre*  
José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano

First U Choir

## ~ EXPLORING ~

**Moment for All Ages**      *Where Do We Come From?*      Jasmine Walston

### **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 in 3 Parts**      *What Should We Do? The Courage to Decide*

**Musical Interlude**      *Wake Now My Senses – Vision*      First U Choir

**Speaker 1**      *IJLT – The Charter*      Kathy Kremer

**Musical Interlude**      *Wake Now My Senses – Compassion*      First U Choir

**Speaker 2**      *The Immigration Experience in Louisville Today*  
Andrew Stone Porter

**Musical Interlude**      *Wake Now My Senses – Conscience*      First U Choir

**Speaker 3**      *Discernment – Our Process*      Jane

**Declaration of Mission (unison)**      Jane

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

+ **Hymn**      *This Land is Your Land*      next page

## ~ RETURNING ~

**Extinguishing the Chalice (unison)**      Jane

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**      Trish

**Postlude**      *We Will Stand By You*      First U Choir

**Benediction (unison)**      Jane

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.

## **This Land is Your Land**

By Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York Island  
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway  
I saw below me that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
And all around me, a voice was sounding  
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun comes shining, and I was strolling  
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling  
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting  
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking I saw a sign there  
And on the sign it said, "No Trespassing"  
But on the other side it didn't say nothing  
That side was made for you and me.

The land is your land and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

+ *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 4

### Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Georgia Douglas Johnson and Paul Robeson”  
as portrayed by Linda Berry and Michael Tee

**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 an American 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.

## Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

### Classes meeting February 4

See Class Descriptions at [firstulou.org/cre](http://firstulou.org/cre) (children) and [firstulou.org/lre](http://firstulou.org/lre) (adult)

### Children’s Classes

Nursery care is available 9:30-12:00. Room 214

**Preschool -1st Grade** (Explorers) *Treasure Hunting-Take 2* Room 212

**2nd - 4th Grade** (Seekers) *Spirit of Adventure* Room 207

**5th - 8th Grade** (Questers) *Lodestone* 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 will be a closed group, so plan to register on February 4.

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

## FYI

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

**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)

**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!

**New to UU Class** Sunday, March 4 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 on Sunday, March 4, at 12:30 in church library. Lunch will be provided at our usual first Sunday luncheon, and childcare will be available. The class lasts about 2 1/2 hrs. 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.

**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!

**Unclaimed Stuff** There are three pairs of reading glasses that have shown up in the Volunteer area recently. The basket of “Things that Go to the Members” is full. Were you supposed to pick something up from there?

**Women’s Alliance Quarterly Meeting** The quarterly meeting of the Women's Alliance will be held on February 10, in the social hall, from 10 to 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!!

**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 through June to view each webinar. Questions, contact Del (del.ramey@ieee.org) or Trish Ramey (tramey@alum.bu.edu). For more information (<https://www.midamericauua.org/resources/justice>).

### **DONATE ITEMS FOR CLCM**

There will be a focused collection of non-perishable food and personal care items, next Sunday on February 4. First U is one of 7 downtown church members of Central Louisville Community Ministries. CLCM's mission is to assist low-income downtown residents. We provide emergency rent assistance, emergency LG&E assistance, a food pantry, a clothes closet, personal care items, and more. On the first Sunday of each month this year, renew your commitment to help our neighbors.

### **What does CLCM need?**

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.

**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 and women’s shirts and pants, coats, new socks and underwear.

### **2018 CALENDARS**

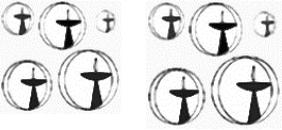
**DONATIONS** office supplies, computer paper, cash-sponsors for the 50th anniversary celebration (\$100, \$500, \$1,000)

**VOLUNTEERS!**

**Immigration Justice Leadership Team  
First Unitarian Church, Louisville, Kentucky**

Resolution introduced and approved at the June 4, 2017 annual meeting  
Topic: “Forming an Immigration Justice Leadership Team to prepare the congregation with a discernment process to consider offering physical sanctuary.”

The Congregation empowers the Board of Trustees to form an Immigration Justice Leadership Team (IJLT), which would follow the UUA’s Sanctuary Toolkit, “developed for Unitarian Universalist congregations considering offering physical sanctuary” as soon as practical and not later than September 30, 2017. The team shall consist of at least five church members representing each ministry of the church and report directly to the board at each monthly meeting with the explicit goal of preparing, presenting and completing a discernment process for the congregation as described in the toolkit no later than May 31st, 2018. Once the discernment process is complete, the IJLT team will propose any necessary motions at the 2018 annual meeting including, but not limited to proposed actions, volunteer requirements, facility requirements, and financial requirements necessary to implement the proposed actions. The Congregation empowers the Board of Trustees to vote on its behalf, in the meantime, should any situation occur that requires providing physical shelter for any individuals under immediate threat of deportation.

	<p><b>Sanctuary: First Unitarian Church and Immigration Justice</b></p> <p><i>Calendar of Events</i> <b>Sponsored by the Immigration Justice Leadership Team</b></p>
<p>Sunday, March 4 1:00PM Sanctuary</p>	<p>Church-wide Forum: “Immigration Justice and the Law”</p>
<p>Sunday, March 11 12:30-2PM Open Classroom</p>	<p>Workshop-Video: “FRONTLINE: Lost in Detention: The Hidden World of Immigration Enforcement” (54 min.) FRONTLINE and the Investigative Reporting Workshop investigate the Obama administration's controversial get-tough immigration policy. <i>(Contains graphic language)</i> <a href="https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/lost-in-detention/">https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/lost-in-detention/</a></p>

<p>Sunday, March 11 Coffee Hour Social Hall</p>	<p>Conversation Table. Talk with a member of the Immigration Justice Leadership Team</p>
<p>Monday, March 12 Noon Library (Brownbaggers monthly meeting)</p>	<p>Workshop-Video: "Jose and Mr. Ramos: The Dreamer" (9 min.). Jose Ansaldo is a bright, optimistic kid about to graduate from middle school who dreams of going to college. He came to the U.S. as a child and fears being separated from his mother and his U.S.-born siblings. <a href="http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/jose-mr-ramos-dreamer/">http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/jose-mr-ramos-dreamer/</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6taJeGBlgA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6taJeGBlgA</a></p>
<p>Sunday, March 18 9:45-10:45AM Open Classroom</p>	<p>Workshop-presentation: "Refugees in Louisville". Elizabeth Fairhead, Citizenship Instructor with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, will discuss the refugee resettlement process and refugee population in Louisville, including a closer look at one young man's story. Time will be reserved for discussion and questions.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 18 Coffee Hour Social Hall</p>	<p>Conversation Table: Talk with a member of the Immigration Justice Leadership Team</p>
<p>Sunday, March 25 9:45AM Open Classroom</p>	<p>Workshop-Video: "Jose and Mr. Ramos: The Dreamer" (9 min.) Jose Ansaldo is a bright, optimistic kid about to graduate from middle school who dreams of going to college. He came to the U.S. as a child and fears being separated from his mother, and his U.S.-born siblings. <a href="http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/jose-mr-ramos-dreamer/">http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/jose-mr-ramos-dreamer/</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6taJeGBlgA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6taJeGBlgA</a></p>
<p>Sunday, March 25 Coffee Hour Social Hall</p>	<p>Conversation Table: Talk with a member of the Immigration Justice Leadership Team</p>

## 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.