

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: Pam Middleton Chancel Decoration: Kathy Thackeray



July 1, 2018

BEYOND TOLERANCE:

BEING A CHRISTIAN

AND PAGAN COMMUNITY

SPEAKER: JANE MARTIN BUCKLEY

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristen Drehmel

Prelude

Girl with the Flaxen Hair
Claude Debussy

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Sophie Winstead

Call to Worship

Jane Martin Buckley

+ **Hymn**

Where Do We Come From?

#1003

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of Mission and Covenant (*unison*)

Jane

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

Improvisation

Ethan

~ EXPLORING ~

Moment for All Ages

A Conversation

Debbie Hess and Jane

Sermon

Beyond Tolerance: Being a Christian and Pagan Community Jane

+ Hymn

Wake Now, My Senses

#298

~ 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

Jane

Postlude

Menuet on the Name of Haydn

Ethan

Maurice Ravel

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*

Children's Celebration Ahh, summertime. Everyone needs a break, including our wonderful Children's Celebration volunteers. There will not be Children's Celebration during the service. However, there will be childcare available for infants and toddlers in Room 214. Happy summer!

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, July 8
Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

Sacred Ecology

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

As we continue to hear national debates about whether climate change is real, as we see environmental protections rolled back in the interest of promoting industry, this service looks at the deeper dynamics in our ongoing polarization around the environment and what it calls for from us spiritually (beyond being good recyclers).

Summer Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

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

Children's RE: *Summer PlaySpace* - Courtyard

Adult RE: *Sunday Roundtable* - Library



**Invitation to a Potluck
for John and Carol Findling**

Friday, July 6 at 6pm

As many of you know, longtime First U members John and Carol Findling are moving to Wichita, Kansas to be closer to their son Jamie and his family and John's brother and sister. To send them out to the great Midwest with our love and best wishes, please join us for a "farewell potluck" for John and Carol on Friday July 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM at church. Main courses, ice, tea, lemonade, and a cake by Tiffany will be provided. Please bring a dish and your favorite adult beverage. To RSVP and let us know what dish you will be bringing, or if you have any questions, contact Kathy Kremer at 502-459-4109 or kathykremer11@gmail.com.

John and Carol have contributed so much to the community in general and to our church in particular. Having served on just about every church committee since 1972, John is remembered for a variety of leadership roles, from leading the church as Board president during a contentious debate over offering sanctuary to Central American asylum seekers in 1984, to serving as church archivist, to sharing his auctioneering skills at the annual service auctions. In addition to her gifts of gardening and choir singing, Carol is known for her passion for protecting the environment and women's equality, and for her participation in First U's Partner Church relationship with the Unitarian Church of Nagyenyed, in the Transylvanian region of Romania, in 1996. We'll miss their presence in our community and hope you can join us for the potluck. Thank you!

FYI

Lunch Menu

Homemade Pimento Cheese sandwiches, Mexican chopped salad, Cinnamon roll cake with cream cheese frosting. First time visitors are our guests. A \$5 suggested donation is appreciated. See you there!

Fresh Stop Market Share prices are income based, and EBT is accepted. For information about ordering, volunteering, or anything else, please contact the New Roots office (www.newroots.org or at 502-509-6770) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607).

Next delivery: TUESDAY, July 3 (due to the holiday)

Order deadline: Friday, July 13 for July 18 delivery

CLCM Fundraiser: Trivia Night Saturday, August 4 at 7:00pm Food and drinks sold, silent auction items, and a \$150 grand prize! \$10 per person. Reserve your place or table at trivia40203@outlook.com. Doors open at 6:30pm, trivia starts at 7pm. Come have a fun evening with friends, and help support a great organization that supports residents in the 13th poorest zip code in the US. This is hosted by the First U Women's Alliance to benefit Central Louisville Community Ministries, and other ministries in the 40203 zip code.

Women's Alliance Save the Dates:

Trivia Night to benefit CLCM August 4 at 7pm.

Next WA meeting Saturday August 18 at 10am.

Fall weekend WA retreat: October 19-21.

KY Pride Parade A Huge THANK YOU to all of you for making the 2018 Ky Pride Parade another success! Unitarians from Clifton, First church, and Thomas Jefferson showed up and marched together to show Kentuckiana we support and stand up for LGBTQ rights and justice. Thank you to all the people who decorated and held up the banners, colored flags, ribbons, and balloons. Thank you to all the families that showed up with kids of all ages – it was wonderful and inspiring to see all ages and all gender identities walking together in solidarity. We are Family! (from Mission and Outreach, Lon Kaminer, First U organizer)

I want you all to know that although it may seem like it was “just” a fun thing to participate in, what you did was important to all the people who continue to live in fear that who they are is wrong. It gives hope to people who may still be living ‘in the closet’ out of fear, shame, and guilt. The more we show up in support of LGBTQ rights and justice, the more courage is built to stand up and not be invisible anymore. (from Rhonda Barnett, TJ organizer)

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

Support Staff

Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Ethan McCollum, Choir Director
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist
Vantreasea Jones, Custodian	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare/RE Asst.

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.