

First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

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www.firstulou.org

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

Service Coordinator: Debbie Hess

Worship Associate: Ralph Moss

Chancel Decoration: Janice Molnar



July 29, 2018

LAMMAS “BREAD COMMUNION”

SPEAKER: PAT HARROD

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Brittany Blau

Opening Words

Debbie Hess

Calling the Quarters

Pat Harrod

Chalice Lighting

Ralph Moss

+ **Hymn**

The Lady of the Season's Laughter

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~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of Mission and Covenant (*unison*)

Debbie

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*)

Debbie

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.

2. Hope 3. Peace 4. Joy

Moment of Prayer and Meditation

Pat

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

Brittany

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

Gardening
By Dillon Bustin

William Whobrey
Ethan

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Moment for All Ages

What is Lammas?

Pat

Homily

The Lammas Harvest Festival

Pat

Bread Communion

Pat, Debbie, Ralph Moss, Rodney Walston

~ **RETURNING** ~

Closing Song

John Barley corn

Rodney Walston

Releasing the Quarters

Pat

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

Pat

Postlude

Ethan

Benediction (*unison*)

Merry Meet, Merry Part and Merry Meet Again.

+ *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 ,August 5

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

Creation Spirituality

Speaker/Singer: John Gage

John will be leading the Celebration of Life. He is a highly esteemed Louisville-based folk singer/song-writer. His voice and guitar make solid listening and draw on the alchemy of ancient balladeers and poets, transporting listeners inwardly for reflection and intimacy. He has been a long-time friend of the Unitarian Church, and has led services here more than any other local guest. His songs are thoughtful, and his sermons inspiring.

John is host and emcee of *Kentucky Homefront*, a radio show that preserves Kentucky's cultural heritage through storytelling and traditional music. The show features Kentucky's finest acoustic folk, traditional, blues, country, and bluegrass musicians, and its best storytellers.

The Story of First U's Labyrinth

Labyrinth Dedication

Eagle Scout Ceremony

Today at 2:00pm in the Courtyard

Once upon a time, there was a Boy Scout named Bradley Waller. He loved scouting and aspired to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. He cast his mind over possible projects, and in collaboration with his aunt, Kathy Rogers, dreamed of creating a labyrinth at First Unitarian Church. He shared his dream and received approval from many church ministries (building use, the Board, RE, House and Grounds, Aesthetics, Churchyard Friends), and even received grant money from RE and Women's Alliance.

After jumping many hurdles, raising funds, and getting church and scout approval, the labyrinth was constructed over 5 weekends in fall 2017. Today, Bradle will be recognized as an Eagle Scout at a ceremony here.

If you haven't had a chance to see or walk the courtyard labyrinth, come out and experience this newest sacred space at First U.

May all who leave this pathway be blessed with more focus, love, compassion and serenity than when they entered it. Blessed be.

Women's Alliance Trivia Night (Benefits CLCM)



**CENTRAL LOUISVILLE
Community Ministries**

**THIS Saturday, August 4
The door opens at 6:30pm,
and trivia starts at 7pm at First U.**

Want to win \$150? Want to enjoy a fun night with old and maybe new friends? Make plans NOW to come to the Women's Alliance Trivia Night, here at First U, Saturday.

Food and drinks will be available, + a silent auction, all to benefit CLCM. Come with a group, or come alone and join a table. \$10 per person. Reserve your spot at trivia40203@outlook.com

FYI

The Sanctuary: Your Thoughts? TODAY The Aesthetics Team would like to hear from you all at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. **We would like to know what you think of the sanctuary, particularly of the choir area and the dais (platform) as it is now and suggestions on how you would like to see it as the Aesthetics Team is planning for the updating of the Sanctuary.** Hope to see you then or if you are unable to attend please email me your response to the bold lettering above at kathythackeray@gmail.com Thank you, Kathy T. and Bev D., co-chairs of the Aesthetics Team (part of the Resources Ministry)

Annual Water Communion August 12 As we come back together after our summer holidays and adventures, we will share real or virtual waters, symbolizing our journeys, experiences, and life lessons. The "First Sunday" Lunch will take place that day as well.

"First" Sunday Lunch Date Change The August and September lunches will be held the second weeks of the month, August 12 and September 9. This allows us to have lunch after the Water Communion in August and avoid Labor Day Weekend in September.

RE Coordinator Position First Unitarian Church of Louisville is hiring a part-time Religious Exploration Coordinator to plan and implement our church education program for children and adults. Responsibilities include recruiting and guiding/supporting volunteers who work in the program, serving as a teacher or program facilitator, supervising Sunday activities, and supervising two support staff. The Coordinator will prepare a monthly report for the Board, meet monthly with the RE Ministry, and participate in weekly staff meetings. This position reports to the Minister. To apply, send a resume and letter of interest to minister@firstulou.org.

Update on the Fresh Stop Market Food Stamp Situation Last week, it was reported that Fresh Stop won't be able to accept EBT or food stamps because the federal government changed providers for the app used at farmer's markets for processing food stamps. A one-month plan has been worked out. (See the midweek update for details.) If you'd like to donate money in order to help provide fresh food for low income residents, it would be appreciated. Every dollar helps. Want to know more? Contact www.newroots.org or Barbra Justice at velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607.

Next delivery: Wednesday, August 1

Order deadline: Friday, August 10 for August 15 delivery

Black Lives Matter Vigil Join us after the Celebration of Life Sunday, August 12. Signs are provided, and your family and friends are welcome to join us in this important witness.

Children's RE: Registration and Volunteer Signup August 12 and 19

Once again this year, we will be having online registration for all children and youth participating in our Religious Exploration programming. Computers and helpers will be available on August 12 and 19 in the upstairs RE lobby.

Registration is crucial for safety, so that we know the needs of each child in the program, and so we can contact caregivers if needed. The link is available on our website www.firstulou.org under the Learning tab. Fall programming begins August 19!

We will also use SignUpGenius again this year to fill our Children's Celebration Leader and RE volunteer spots each Sunday. Bring your calendars and sign up for at least four hours per semester for our RE Co-Op! RE doesn't work without YOU! This link is also available on the church website under Learning.

RE Cleanout August 12!

Help us prepare our RE classrooms for the new RE year!
Task lists available--go to the RE lobby upstairs at 9:45 to help!

Summer Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

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

Children's RE: *Summer PlaySpace* - Courtyard

Kids and their carers meet in the Courtyard (Room 212 if it's raining) for fun and community building. There will be a bin of outdoor toys and activities available near the courtyard entrance, along with a flameless chalice, chalice-lighting words, the Seven Principles, and Guidelines for Being Together. Carers can enjoy each other's company while the children play in our sacred space. Carers will share supervision of the children, without a central adult responsible for planning, execution, and supervision. Our objectives for such a fellowship include:

- building and maintaining multigenerational relationships
- experiencing comfort and joy related to the church's physical space and the people there
- having fun together
- relaxing together
- viewing the church as "our house"
- explicitly offering "permission" to play and just be
- novelty
- exploring the value of a less planning-heavy gathering and what it can teach us
- offering all stakeholders an opportunity to reflect on and plan for spring and fall RE sessions.

We acknowledge that a break from more planning-heavy RE can be healthy both for facilitators and participants. We look forward to a free, fun summer to watch our families grow!

The RE Ministry

Adult RE: *Sunday Roundtable* - Library

Gather in the library (Room 105) for attendee-led discussion. Need a topic? Pick one from the book or the basket to get things rolling. Bring your coffee, your curiosity, and your desire for community and join us!



Save the Date
September 30

Join us to bring our city together
and end the violence!

See Trish Ramey for more information.

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.