

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: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Nancy MacPherson Chancel Decoration: Kathy Thackeray



July 8, 2018

SACRED ECOLOGY

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Peggy Mueller

Prelude

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Nancy MacPherson

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Touch the Earth Reach the Sky

#301

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of Mission and Covenant (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

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*)

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

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

Peggy

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

Rev. Kathy

Sermon

Sacred Ecology

Rev. Kathy

+ **Hymn**

As Long As I Have Breath

#6

~ **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

Rev. Kathy

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*

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 15
Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

The Lips of Time

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Our usual linear experience of time is overlaid on an older experience of time as circular. Is there a specifically UU perspective on time and how it unfolds in our lives?

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!

FYI

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

First U Book Club Monday, July 9 at 6pm We meet the 2nd Monday of each month in the Parlor This month, we will discuss *Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn. The discussion leader will be Lois Allen.

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

Next delivery: Wednesday, July 18

Order deadline: Friday, July 13

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.



**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.