

## 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](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.

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~  
(502) 585-5110 [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org)

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

Service Coordinator: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Claudia Runge      Chancel Decoration: Kay Powers



June 3, 2018

**“FLOWER COMMUNION”**

**SPEAKER:**

**REV. DR. KATHY HURT**

**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.

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Clare Gervasi

**Prelude**

*Flower Duet*  
from Lakmé

Drew Sarette, violin  
Brytner Evangelista, piano

**Chalice Lighting**

Madeline Sherman

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Hurt

**Flower Processional**

+ **Hymn**

*Color and Fragrance*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration of Mission and Covenant** (*unison*)

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**

Clare

*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**

First U Choir

## **Flower Ceremony**

### **Consecrating the Flowers**

### **Blessing the Flowers**

*One:* In the name of the Providence which implants in the heart of the seed the future of the flower, and which implants in our hearts that unrest which will not be quenched till people live lovingly with each other, we bless these flowers.

***All:* In the name of the Ultimate, in which we move and take our being, and in the name of the deepest, which makes parents and siblings, lovers and loners who they are, we bless these flowers.**

*One:* In the name of the prophets and sages who sacrificed their lives to hasten the coming of the reign of mutual respect, we bless these flowers.

***All:* Let us renew our resolution, sincerely, to be siblings, regardless of the barriers which estrange.**

*One:* May these flowers be for us the sign of the glory and variety to which we aspire, knowing the whole while that we are one family.

***All:* In this holy resolve may we be strengthened by the spirit of love, that we ourselves may bloom in the splendor of a joyful life, and endeavor to be more whole in all our days.**

## **Receiving the Flowers**

## **Meditation on the Flowers**

**Homily**

Rev. Kathy

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn**

*De Colores*

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**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**

**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*



**Join Us Next Week: Sunday, June 10**

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*Re-Doing the 7 Principles*

Speaker: Jill Sampson

Join us for relaxed **Summer RE June 10-August 12!**

**Summer Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45**  
**June 10-August 12**

**Children's RE: Summer PlaySpace**

Kids and their carers meet in the Courtyard (Rm. 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**

Gather in the library (Rm. 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!

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

## **The Annual Meeting is TODAY!**

All members are encouraged to attend. Non-members may attend but are not allowed to vote on presented issues. The stated business of this Annual Meeting will be election of members to the Nominating and Endowment Committees, and the Board. The church budget for the fiscal year of July 2018 - 2019 will also be presented for a vote. Members present will also hear an update from the Immigration Justice team formed at the last annual meeting and be given the opportunity to vote on their resolution. A light lunch will be provided prior to the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Jill Sampson, President, Board of Trustees

### **Kailoa (Michael Ben-Avraham) Pulupeike**

A memorial service for long-time member, Kailoa has been scheduled for Saturday, June 9, at 10:30 at First Unitarian with a reception to follow.

Finger foods such as small sweets, fruit, sandwiches, etc are needed for the reception after Kailoa's service. Anyone wishing to participate in donating, preparing or serving food at the reception, please contact Lois Allen at [loisjeanallen@gmail.com](mailto:loisjeanallen@gmail.com) or call 502-935-3554.

### **FYI**

**Kentuckiana Pride Parade** Friday, June 15 As part of our mission and outreach First U will be marching in the parade with Thomas Jefferson UU with a theme of "Family." We will meet in the side parking lot at First U at 5:00 p.m. Friday June 15 to decorate and stage the float before moving to the parade start. The parade begins at 7:00. We want all types of families to participate and encourage kids and teens to be involved. The parade route is just under a mile long, and there is space for you and your camp chair on the float if walking is not an option. Please contact Lon Kaminer if you are interested: [lkaminer@iglou.com](mailto:lkaminer@iglou.com) or 502.387.1080.

**Forecastle Fundraiser** Want to support our beloved community, but short on cash? Working a shift at the beverage booth at the Forecastle Festival is a great way YOU can help with fundraising for First U. The festival is July 13-15, and slots are filling up fast - the time to sign up is NOW. Contact Kathy at [kgapsis@gamil.com](mailto:kgapsis@gamil.com) if interested.

**Ants, Bugs, Mice, Oh My!** Just a reminder that if you don't wish to see the creatures of the great outdoors roaming the church halls, that you need to keep food put away. This includes wiping up spills and not leaving dirty dishes in the sink. Thank you for your cooperation. Forecastle Festival sign-ups

**Church Recycling Tip** Thanks to everyone who puts their recycling in the containers around the church building and the city's big orange carts outside the kitchen door. If your recycling is in a bag, please empty the contents in the cart or else the city will think it's trash and skip emptying it. Happy recycling from your friends in House and Grounds.

## **Fresh Stop Market Returns June 6**

The first Old Louisville Fresh Stop Market of this season will be at First U on Wednesday, June 6 from 4:30 to 6:30. We have a real need for volunteers and shareholders this year. This is a community based program designed to provide affordable, organic, locally grown produce to low income and food insecure areas of the city.

Order on the Friday before the Market Day. Everyone receives the same share regardless of income. Pay using SNAP benefits, cash, or credit to purchase your bi-weekly “shares” of delicious fruits and vegetables. Your price is determined using a chart of family size and income. Families on WIC pay \$6. Those that receive snap benefits pay \$12. There’s a sliding scale. We participate in the SNAP benefits double dollars; pay for one share with your benefits and get one free.

Last season was successful and we hope to do even better this year, with help and support from the members at First U.

For information about ordering, volunteering, or anything else, please contact New Roots at [www.newroots.org](http://www.newroots.org) or at 502-509-6770, or Barbra Justice at [velma2720@yahoo.com](mailto:velma2720@yahoo.com) or 502-234-0607. Share prices are income based, and EBT is accepted.

New Roots is a non-profit organization igniting community power for fresh food access. Families pool their resources together on an income-based sliding scale a week ahead of each market. Once at the market, they receive farm-fresh produce. Chefs do demonstrations and provide information about how to use the food in that week’s share.