

# 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: Linette Lowe

Worship Associate: Bev Daly

Chancel Decoration: Clare Gervasi



March 11, 2018

**“BALANCING THE SEE-SAW”**

**SPEAKER: LINETTE LOWE**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Ethan McCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Jill Sampson

**Prelude**

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Jaymeson Dolen

**Call to Worship**

Linette Lowe

+ **Hymn**

*From the Fret and Fever*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration** (*unison*)

Christe Lunsford

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**

Jill

*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**

Cassandra Culin

**Sermon**

*Balancing the See-Saw:  
The Long Loving Look at the Real*

Linette

+ **Hymn**

*Find a Stillness*

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~ **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**

Linette

**Postlude**

Ethan

**Benediction** (*unison*)

Linette

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*

**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, March 18**

### **Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*“To Nurture and Transform”*

Speaker: Jane Buckley, Trish Ramey, and Chris Finzer

Chris is a retired clinical Social worker who works on the Action Committee for Combatting Mental Illness and Drug Dependency in our city.

CLOUT – Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together.

### **Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45**

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

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

#### **Classes Meeting March 18:**

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**Preschool-Kindergarten** (Explorers) *Treasure Hunting-Take 2* Room 212

**1st - 4th Grade** (Seekers) *Spirit of Adventure* Room 207

**5th - 9th Grade** (Questers) *UU Youth United* 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 is a closed group.

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

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**REmind Sign up to receive a message with your child's class'** Taking It Home and any announcements for the week. Class codes are available on the church website and in your child's classroom. Questions? Contact Linette at [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org)

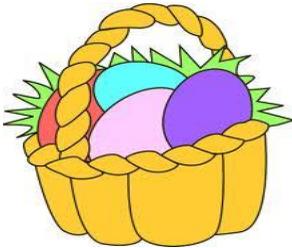
**Important! Online RE Registration** Have you registered? If not, please go to our website at [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org) to the "Learning" tab, choose Children's Religious Exploration, and use the online link to register them there. If you are unable to register online, please call Linette at the church so that we may have an accurate count and so that we may communicate with you. Thank you!

## FYI

**We Need More Junk** The older grades RE class is having their own take-apart party March 25, and we need more junk! Please bring your broken or obsolete devices, electronics, and small appliances for us to take apart and remake into art. Items can be dropped off at Linette's door. Thank you!

**Save the Date: Service Auction** First Unitarian Service Auction Sunday April 15th 1:00 - 3:00pm Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Silent auction opens at 1:00 in the social hall and the live auction will begin at 1:30 in the sanctuary. A light lunch and child care will be provided.

**Immigration Justice Video** Sunday March 11 from 12:30 -2:00pm in the Open Classroom "*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. Sponsored by the Immigration Justice Leadership Team. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/lost-in-detention/> (*Contains graphic language*)



### **Hippety-hoppity, Easter's on its way! April 1**

**Egg stuffings are needed!** Please donate individually wrapped small candies (no nuts, please) or non-edibles such as small toys, erasers, individual stickers, or bouncy balls. You may place donations in the marked box outside Linette's office upstairs. **All donations must be in by March 18 and we will stuff the eggs on March 25.** Anyone available to help with that task, including youth and adults, would be welcomed in the lobby area upstairs! Thank you!

**Pancake Breakfast** There will be no RE on Easter morning, April 1. Instead, we will have our annual Pancake breakfast from 9:30-10:30. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings with your family and friends at First U. This is a fundraiser by the Navigators.



**Easter Egg Hunts** will take place at 10:15 for Preschool-1st grade in the Courtyard (meet in the social hall) and 10:30 for 2nd grade and up in the churchyard (meet in the belltower room). Bring your Easter baskets and join us for a fun tradition!

**Conversation Table** Talk with a member of the Immigration Justice Leadership Team during the Coffee Hour on March 11, 18, and 25.

**Black Lives Matter Vigil** Join us today after the Celebration of Life for our monthly vigil. Signs provided.

**Brownbaggers hear about "Dreamers"** Join us Monday, March 12, 2018 at noon in the church library to view a PBS video "Jose and Mr. Ramos: the Dreamer" then discuss immigration issues with Jasmine Walston. This presentation pertains to a project the church will be considering at the annual meeting in June.

**First U Monday Night Book Club** will be meeting in the Parlor on March 12 at 6pm. This month's book is *A Colony in a Nation* by Chris Haynes. The discussion leader is Jill Sampson. Please join us. Also, our book club has been registered with Carmichael's Bookstore for a 20% discount on books which are on our reading list. Just let them know you are a member of the First U Book Club and enjoy the discount.

**UUA Book Sale** There will be a UUA Book Sale Event after the service March 18 in the library until 3:00pm. Many titles from the UU InSpirit Bookstore will be on sale, including this year's common read, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning and Connection for the America We Want*. This is the Monday Night Book Club's pick for discussion at the June 11 meeting. Join us for a chance to update your UU and social justice library!

**Gun Violence Prevention Action** To learn about efforts to stem the epidemic of gun violence in Kentucky, please join me on March 18 at the regular meeting of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, 2 pm, 809 S. 4th Street, Louisville. We have all had enough. It's time to act. Call or email me, M+O member Trish Ramey (774-270-0006/ patriciaramey1@gmail.com) for more information.

**Children's Celebration** Our regular Children's Celebration Leader, Christina Roberts, will be stepping back from that role. Please thank her for her wonderful work in that position! We will miss her. For now, Children's Celebration will be on hiatus until we can make some decisions about how we would like to proceed together. Linette (dre@firstulou.org)

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

**CLCM Fundraiser** Since the CLCM spring fundraiser has been postponed until fall, many of us who want to financially support this wonderful group may be looking for an alternate way to do that. So, we have started a Facebook fundraiser to make it easy to contribute to this wonderful group. Simply click on the link below, and follow the instructions. Thank you so much! Lois Allen <https://www.facebook.com/donate/811513075723773/1857932167550101/>

**RE 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. You can sign up on the church website under the Learning tab in Children's RE or sign up using SignupGenius at this link: (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409of49aca72ca1f85-sunday>) Thank you for making great RE possible!

**Donate items for CLCM** – Thank you for your donations of Food, personal care items, clothing, volunteers, and 2018 calendars.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Usher** If you are able and willing to volunteer, please contact Pam at [pamiddleton1@gmail.com](mailto:pamiddleton1@gmail.com) or text to 502-387-9314. She'll be happy to answer questions about the job.

**UU Young Adult Retreat** June 20-24 at Circle Pines Center in Delton, Michigan. Join us for workshops, contemporary worship, social justice, and good food with old and new friends. The event is open to individuals ages 18-35. Meals are provided and vegetarian/vegan options are available. Participants may sleep in cabins or bring their own tents. This event is a safe space, where all identities are celebrated and protected. Early-bird registration (\$235) ends March 15. Regular registration is \$265. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/715540915311643/> or search “OPUS 2018” Financial assistance is available.

***Shared in last week's Joys and Sorrows...***

**Christe Lunsford – A JOY** – pleased to announce that they will be serving as Intern next year at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rockford, Illinois, mentored by Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson. This comes with the mixed emotions of leaving here and the excitement of a new experience. Dianna will be staying here at First U and visiting Rockford as time allows.

**Christe's Graduation** It's coming sooner than you think!! Christe graduates in Chicago on Sunday May 20th, at 4pm. Put it on your calendar NOW, and start to make plans. If you are interested in riding up with First U members/friends, or paying to get on a private bus or van,, contact Kathy Gapsis to get on the list. [kgapsis@gmail.com](mailto:kgapsis@gmail.com)

## 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	Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist
Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare/RE Asst.
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

### 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.