

# 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 Coordinators: Jane Buckley and Trish Ramey

Worship Associate: Martin English

Chancel Decoration: Maureen Taylor



March 18, 2018

**“TO NURTURE AND  
TRANSFORM”**

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

~ Albert Schweitzer

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Kristen Drehmel

**Prelude**

*Whatsoever Things are Pure and Just*

First U Choir

**Chalice Lighting**

Priscilla Walston

**Opening Words**

Jane Buckley

+ **Hymn**

*We'll Build a Land*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Reading Our 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*)

Jane

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

*Roll Down Justice*

First U Choir

## ~ EXPLORING ~

### Moment for All Ages *Who was Albert Schweitzer?*

Jane

### Song for the Children

Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (x2)

There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (x2)

### Sermon

*To Nurture and Transform*

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| I. Restorative Practices and Schools | Jane Buckley |
| II. Mental Health and Drug Addiction | Chris Finzer |
| III. Affordable Housing              | Trish Ramey  |

### + Hymn

*Fire of Commitment*

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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**

Trish

### **Postlude**

Brytner

### **Benediction** (*unison*)

Jane

+ *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 25**

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

*"Going to Extremes"*

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

### **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

**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

**World Religions** room 103.

**Parents and Families Group** room 203.

## FYI

**UUA Book Sale** There will be a UUA Book Sale Event after the service 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 us in the sanctuary at 2:00 for the regular meeting of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense. We have had enough. It's time to act.

**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!

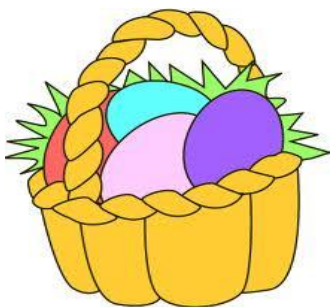
**Membership** Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation, a key time in church life when significant decisions regarding leadership and funding are voted on by members, is coming the first Sunday of June. Anyone who has been considering signing the membership book will need to do so by April 4 in order to be eligible to vote on matters considered at the meeting. Interested in signing? See Rev. Kathy or Board President Jill Sampson to arrange to do so.

**First U Email** Did you Get All of Your Email From First U? (how would you know?) Check your Spam or Promotions folders every once in a while - some have reported that some of the special announcements from church have ended up there.

**Immigrant Justice** March 25 at 9:45 in the Open Classroom Workshop-Video: "Jose and Mr. Ramos: The Dreamer" (9 min.) Jose Ansaldo is a bright, optimistic kid about to graduate from middle school who dreams of going to college. He came to the U.S. as a child and fears being separated from his mother, and his U.S.-born siblings.

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/videos/jose-mr-ramos-dreamer/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6taJeGBlgA>

## 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 TODAY 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 Sunday April 1.

10:15 for Preschool-1st grade in the Courtyard (meet in the social hall)

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!

**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.

**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)

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

**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/4090f49aca72ca1f85-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.

## **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.