

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 Drehmel



March 25, 2018

“GOING TO EXTREMES”

SPEAKER:

REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Nancy MacPherson

Prelude

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Nancy

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Return Again

#1011
sing twice

~ AFFIRMING ~

Reading Our 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*)

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

Nancy

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

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

Going to Extremes

Rev. Kathy

+ **Hymn**

Answering the Call of Love

on screen

~ **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

Transition Moment

Barbara Weber

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*

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, April 1

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

"The Only Thing That Happens"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Whether one celebrates the miracle of spring returning, or the Passover miracle of the Red Sea crossing and the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery, or the Christian miracle of Jesus' resurrection, we stand in a time of year surrounded by invitations to believe in miracles. What exactly constitutes a miracle, and what would it mean to believe in someone or something that does not unfold in a predictable or logical fashion?

There will be no Religious Exploration next week so that we can enjoy the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunts.

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, the all-genders scouting group sponsored by First U.

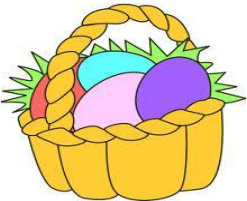


Easter Egg Hunts

Bring your own Easter baskets and join us for a fun tradition!

10:15 Toddlers through Kindergarten (Meet in the social hall for the hunt in the Courtyard.)

10:30 1st grade and up (Meet in the social hall for the hunt in the churchyard.)



April 8 Religious Exploration 9:45 – 10:45

See Class Descriptions at firstulou.org/cre (children) and firstulou.org/lre (adult)

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

Multigenerational One Room Schoolhouse On the second Sunday of the month, children, youth, and adults gather with Linette and friends in the Social Hall to explore the ministry theme through a song, story, mindfulness practice, and activity stations. Activities may include vision boards, crafting, writing, and music--there will be something for everyone! This is a great opportunity to get to know our community members of all ages--you never know when you will make a new friend. Join us at 9:45 on April 8 to share our ministry theme through religious exploration – together!

FYI

First U Hikers The next hike for First U members, friends and family is Sunday March 25, starting at 5pm. We'll meet at Claudia Runge's house, 1578 Cherokee Rd, if there is no rain. No experience needed, will be on an easy trail. We'll be admiring wildflowers and other signs of spring. Contact Kathy Gapsis for details, kgapsis@gmail.com.

Sign Spring/Easter Cards Please come wish our "Members to be Remembered" a happy spring/Easter. Stop by the social hall after church this Sunday to sign greeting cards (made by Debbie Gilbert) to those who can't be with us this spring.

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.

What can you donate? Can you drive someone to the airport? Entertain at a party? Cook a meal? Repair a lamp? Paint a portrait? Babysit? Teach a skill? Prepare a will? Donate theatre tickets? Let someone use your cottage or timeshare? Rake leaves? Get a gift certificate from a restaurant, hotel, or other business? Don't forget items for the silent auction as well -- popular items include original artwork, handmade jewelry, quilts, and antiques.

You can help raise money for our church by donating, by bidding and by asking businesses for gift certificates or other items for the auction.

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.

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

Save the Dates

May 6	Christe's Farewell Celebration
May 27	RE Service and All Church Picnic
June 3	Annual Meeting

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. 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.