

# 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: Barbra Justice

Chancel Decoration: Nancy MacPherson



March 4, 2018

**“TIGHTROPE”**

**SPEAKER:**

**REV. DR. KATHY HURT**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Clare Gervasi

**Prelude**

*Invention No. 13 in A Minor by Bach*

Ethan McCollum

**Chalice Lighting**

Francis Gervasi

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

*Just As Long As I Have Breath*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration** (*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**

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**

*Gather Ye Rosebuds*  
Andrea Klouse

First U Choir

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Moment for All Ages**

Linette Lowe

**Sermon**

*Tightrope*

Rev. Kathy

**Stewardship Moment**

Jill Sherman

+ **Hymn**

*'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*

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Sing twice

~ **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**

*Invierno Porteñas*  
Astor Piazzolla

Brytner

**Benediction** (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

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 11**



**Time Change: Spring Forward!**

*(at 2:00am, it becomes 3:00am – you “lose” an hour)*

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*“Balancing the See-Saw:  
Busyness and the Long Loving Look at the Real”*

Speaker: Linette Lowe

**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

**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 March 11 to share the ministry theme of balance and grow community through religious exploration – together!

**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: Today**

### **First U Lunch** (12:15 in the Social Hall)

Menu: Mexican-spiced vegetable quinoa, cornbread, marinated cucumbers, Rice Krispy treats – regular, chocolate, and fruit. Suggested donation is \$5. First time visitors to lunch are our guests.

### **CLOUT and UU** (12:15 in the Open Classroom)

After the Celebration of Life, get your lunch and join us in the Open Classroom, room 205. This meeting is to help us get organized to invite all our members to our big Assembly April 17– anyone interested in being more active in CLOUT can attend.

### **New to UU Class** (12:30 in church library)

Whatever your situation or wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us for the New to UU class. The class lasts about 2 ½ hrs. Lunch will be provided at our usual first Sunday luncheon. Childcare will be available. Everyone is welcome.

### **Church-wide Forum: Immigration Justice and the Law Q & A Speaker – Immigration Attorney, Ron Russell** (In the Sanctuary at 1:00)

Immigration Attorney, Ron Russell will speak and answer our questions. He successfully represented clients throughout the United States and world in all areas of family-based and employment-based immigration, as well as in asylum applications and removal proceedings. Sponsored by First U's Immigration Justice Leadership Team, this is designed to inform and prepare the congregation to vote on a resolution to consider offering physical sanctuary to undocumented immigrants in our community, but is also open to the public.

Mr. Russell began practicing immigration law in 1989. He is licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. A graduate of the University of Louisville, Mr. Russell is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) as well as a dedicated advocate. He also serves on the Board of the Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and is a member of the Louisville-based Hispanic Latino Coalition, and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Mr. Russell no longer represents individual clients. However, he continues to serve as a consultant for the firm that bears his name.

## FYI

**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.

**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*)

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

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

**UUA Book Sale** There will be a UUA Book Sale Event after the Sunday service on March 18th in the library until 3:00pm. Many titles from the UU In Spirit Bookstore will be on sale, including this year's common read. Join us for a chance to update your UU and social justice library!

**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!

**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.



**Join Us Saturday!**

**Black Lives Matter**

**Saturday, March 10, 5 pm in the First U Social Hall**

**The Women's Alliance Invites YOU!**

**Enter** your favorite soup and/or dessert. \$5 per entry and vote for your top 3 choices in the category.

**Vote** \$5 per person per category to vote for your top 3 choices. Maximum \$20 per family.

Win fabulous prizes. Gain the respect of your peers.  
Enjoy fabulous food and do good while you're at it.  
A tasty time is guaranteed so bring your friends.

**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!

## 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	Christina Roberts, Childcare Coordinator
Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare staff and RE Assistant
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian
Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist	

### 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.