

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: Ralph Moss

Chancel Decoration: Lois Allen



September 2, 2018

LABOUR'S LOVE LOST

SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Jill Sampson

Prelude

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Ralph Moss

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

As We Come Marching, Marching

#109

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of Covenant (*unison*)

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*)

May I be filled with lovingkindness. May I be filled with lovingkindness.
May I be well. May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

2. Replace “I” with “you.” 3. replace “I” with “we.”

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

Loren Crawford

Sermon

Labour's Love Lost

Rev. Kathy

+ **Hymn**

When Your Heart is in a Holy Place

#1008

~ **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

Ethan

Our Mission (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

We are a church of reason and spirit
that witnesses for progressive faith,
Nurtures our community and transforms our world.

+ *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.



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You're probably thinking, "*Why do we have a newsletter as part of the Order of Service?*" this week. Well, you don't – there were just this many things turned in for the FYI this week! I tried to at least group them a bit to help you, but check it out – First U is a busy place right now!

Barbara

Welcome Loren Crawford

Our New Coordinator of Religious Exploration

Loren describes herself as a writer, an arts educator, a Kundalini yoga instructor, a sometime filmmaker and a fulltime mother to Jessamine, a senior at Sacred Heart Academy. Former chair of the drama department of Sacred Heart School for the Arts, Loren is very happily teaching drama at Walden School on Westport Road. She was once Faith Education Coordinator for Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ in Chicago until she moved back here to her hometown in 2010.

Her special focus is creating original performance work with young people. She holds a B.S. in Theater Arts from Northwestern University and has completed all coursework for a Masters in Liberal Studies, also at Northwestern. And she looks forward to meeting you all!

Please welcome Loren, and be sure to introduce yourself.

Join Us Next Week: September 9

Celebration of Life 11:00am

“I Can’t Believe I Did That!”

Speakers: Brian Daly, James Jeffries, and Trish Ramey

Life is continually changing, offering new opportunities. This service will explore this challenge through the stories of those who make a difference. We will learn about collective opportunities we have to be an active part of changing our church, community, and world. Attend, learn, engage and experience this opportunity to be an active contributor to making this a better place. Join us in a speed “dating” exercise with our church.

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

REminder

- * Register your child for RE
- * Sign up to Volunteer!
- * Sign up for Middle School Youth Retreat

Go to: www.firstulou.org. Under the Learning tab,
choose Children's RE for the links to sign up.

RE Classes Meeting September 9

Multigenerational One Room Schoolhouse (MORSH) On the second Sunday of the month, adults, children and youth gather to explore the ministry theme through a song, story, mindfulness practice, and activity stations. There will be activities suitable for adults and children. 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. Please plan to join us and support our efforts to grow community through religious exploration--together! We will see you in the Social Hall.

Women's Spirituality Group This is a closed group. You will need to register in order to participate. Meets in the Parlor, Room 101

Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting
Meets in Room 203.

Important RE Communication Reminder

All communications for RE will be through Remind. Each class has a unique code which can be found on the class description of classes (www.firstulou.org/cre). Please text your child(ren)'s class code(s) to 81010 to join Remind. Help us save paper and stay in the know! You will receive short weekly *Taking It Home* messages and any announcements.

FYI

“First” Sunday Lunch Date Change The September lunch will be held next week. See you then!

Black Lives Matter vigils at First U In 2015, the Women's Alliance began sponsoring weekly BLM vigils, in order to create a space for connection and reflection. After a year or so, the vigils became a monthly event. Participation in the vigils has waned, and at its last meeting, WA voted to place the BLM vigils on hiatus. First U continues to express support for the Black Lives Matter movement through its work in the community, the banner on the 4th St church facade, and on our website.

Labor Day Holiday The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3. CLCM will also be closed.

Church Phone Voicemail Our voice mail system is currently out of order. If you want general information, including questions about renting space, or need to pass on a message, you may send an e-mail to office@firstulou.org. Our regular office hours are 10am – 2pm Monday – Friday. However, if you need to come by, you may wish to call first (502-585-5110) to verify someone will be here.

Opportunities for Learning & Involvement

RE: Multigenerational One Room Schoolhouse (MORSH)
Everyone welcome as all ages meet to enjoy activities and get to know our community members of all ages. See the RE listing for more information We meet in the Social Hall.

Welcome Back Brownbaggers Monday, September 10 Come join us at 11:45am or so in the church library to hear from John Willingham and our own John Peabody tell us about *Hearts for Kenya*, a welfare organization focusing on promoting efficient farming practices and providing medical assistance there.

Middle School Youth Retreat 2pm Saturday, September 22-2pm Sunday, September 23. Join us for the 5th annual camp. We'll be at the YMCA Camp Piomingo in Brandenburg, KY. The cost is \$75 for youth and \$55 for adult chaperones. Register online (www.firstulou.org) under “events.” The deadline is September 14.

Like to Sing? The Choir has returned from their summer break. It's an all-inclusive group- even if you can't read music but can harmonize, you are welcomed. Practices are at 7:30 Thursday evenings. Interested? See Ethan for more information.

Chalice Circles Interested in joining a small group for discussion and sharing on the monthly worship themes? These small groups, called Chalice Circles, meet monthly and use the Touchstones resources to guide discussion. The groups are confidential, which means they are not open for drop-in attendance. If this sounds like something you'd like to try, contact Rev. Kathy (minister@firstulou.org) to indicate your interest.

“New to UU” Class Coming October 7 If you're new to Unitarian Universalism and want to learn what we're about, or if you've been around a while but want to know more, we have just the thing for you!

A “New to UU” session will be held after the service on Sunday, October 7, starting at 12:30. Lunch will be available at the first Sunday luncheon; after you pick up lunch, we'll move to the library for the class.

The class usually lasts about 2 1/2 or 3 hours, and child care will be available. Please contact Claudia Runge (claudiarun@gmail.com or 502-608-5710) if you plan to join us. We look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces!

Please note that the Oct. 7 service will include Blessing of the Animals. If you plan to bring an animal AND stay for the class, please be sure to provide for your animal's comfort after the service.

Chalice Lighters Wanted If you're entering third grade or above, we'd love to have you learn how to light our chalice at the beginning of our Celebration of Life services. This is an important role in our service, and we want all children and youth to have an opportunity to participate in this way. Please contact Linette Lowe (dre@firstulou.org) before September 1 if interested.

Easy Ways to Help First U

Upcoming Service Auction Event: Tour New Albany Saturday, September 8 A walking tour past some of New Albany's historic homes, led by Kathy Gapsis, is Saturday Septeber 8, 10am, weather permitting. Slots are available. Light refreshments to follow. Tour should take about 1 hour. Questions or to reserve your spot, contact Kathy (kgapsis@gmail.com).

Renew or Sign-Up for Kroger Community Rewards Kroger gives money to non-profit groups each quarter. Be sure to designate First U to receive a percentage of your spending at Kroger at no cost to you.

Sign up online by going to Kroger.com/communityrewards and click *Enroll*. Search for First Unitarian by name or by the NPO number, CN305, and link your Kroger Plus Card by selecting "enroll." Individual purchases will begin counting towards First Unitarian within 7-10 days of registering your Kroger Plus Cards online. Every time you shop for groceries and scan your card, First U automatically starts earning a rebate. Please note that all supporters must re-enroll every year in order to support the organization. Did you re-enroll in August?

Forecastle Festival Update This year was especially successful for the beverage booth that First U worked with Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church. 16 of the slots were worked by First U members and friends, which earned us \$1,505.36. Lots of you missed out on the fun! See you next year.

Support Social Justice

Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice Louisville Saturday, September 8, The rally will be at 10:00am on the steps of Metro Hall, (527 West Jefferson Street). Citizens of Kentuckiana will present Louisville Metro Council with a draft resolution that will call for a community-wide goal of 100% renewable energy. We will join thousands of rallies in cities and town across the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that works for all of us. For more information, There will be a march at 10:45am followed by the Rising Fair at 11:15am across the street at Jefferson Square Park. For more information, contact the Peoples Climate Movement (www.peoplesclimate.org). or Roger Ohlman (rohlman@twc.com or 502-635-1572).

Fresh Stop Market For more information, contact New Roots (www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607).

Next delivery: Wednesday, September 12

Order deadline: Friday, September 7

CLCM 50th Anniversary Gala Sunday, September 30 from 3:00-6:00pm. Join us for appetizers, drinks, music featuring The Utility Brothers, and a silent auction. It will be a great celebration of CLCM at C2 Event Venue (225 Breckinridge Street, 40203 between Floyd and Brook). Tickets are \$50. See Lois Allen, Mary Ballard, Kathy Gapsis or Linette Lowe to purchase tickets or via email (CLCM50th@gmail.com). Help CLCM reach their goal of raising \$50,000! ‘

Louisville United Against Violence (once known as Hands Across Louisville) September 30 is once more sponsoring this event to combat violence in our city and to build unity across the 9th Street Divide.

The day will begin at 2 p.m. with an interfaith prayer service (including Rev. Kathy) at St. Augustine Catholic Church community center at 1310 W. Broadway.

From 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm community leaders will lead a community engagement rally (including Metro Councilwoman Barbara Sexton-Smith, US KY Rep. John Yarmuth, the Urban League, Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, etc.). We will hear about many of the great things happening in West Louisville plus have the opportunity to learn about how we can make a change for good in some of the city's most underserved neighborhoods.

The hand-holding along Broadway, where we make a visible commitment of unity against violence, is held from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. First U's block is between 6th and 7th Street. Talk to either Trish Ramey, event co-chair, or Bethany Borgamenke, First Unitarian block captain, to sign up and/or learn more. Trish will also be selling "fabulous" t-shirts that help us cover our costs.

TARC is giving us free service along Broadway all afternoon that day. All you have to do is show them one of our flyers or cards (available from Trish). You may also park on any side street along Broadway, or behind St. Augustine, if there is room.

*From
The Ministerial Search
Committee*



Three Things to Know About the Search Committee

1. The committee to search for a new minister is already hard at work. After 2½ meetings this summer, the whole group Retreated to TJ on August 24 and 25 for a clarifying, energizing, and all-around inspiring day-and-a-half workshop led by Barb Weber, our UUA guide for the challenging task ahead.
2. Although much of our work must be confidential, our first task involves the entire church: In order to create a concrete and accurate picture of First Unitarian Church to attract prospective ministers, we have to learn all sorts of details about our current members. (We can't just cut and paste from the summary prepared 10 years ago, as First U has changed.) Where do we get those details? From an anonymous survey that should be available to everyone in early September. We need to hear from EVERYBODY, so please be on the lookout for the survey, and make it a priority to respond quickly! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
3. Finally, in case you are wondering who the six congregants are who took on this daunting task, they are Bill Allison, Clare Gervasi, Pam Middleton, Jill Sherman, Maureen Taylor, and Jeff Warner.

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

Loren Crawford, Coordinator of Religious Exploration

Support Staff

Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator

Ethan McCollum, Choir Director

Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper

Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist

Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

Elena Meeks, Childcare

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. 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.