

First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

(502) 585-5110

www.firstulou.org

We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

Service Coordinator: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Pat Allison

Chancel Decoration: Janice Molnar



September 30, 2018

JUST AS I AM

SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Peggy Mueller

Prelude

“*Adagio*” from Sonata in G Minor
J. S. Bach

Alice Culin-Ellison

Chalice Lighting

Pat Allison

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Amazing Grace

#205

~ AFFIRMING ~

Our 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*)

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I’m gonna keep on ‘til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.

2. Hope 3. Peace 4. Joy

Moment of Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response (*unison*)

May I be filled with lovingkindness. May I be well.
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.”

Invitation to Generosity

Peggy

*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

Estrellita
Ponce-Heifetz

Drew Sarette
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*Just As I Am*

Rev. Kathy

~ RETURNING ~**+ Hymn***How Could Anyone*

#1053

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**Postlude**

Alice and Drew

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.

Join Us Next Week: October 7

Celebration of Life 11:00am

“Blessing of the Animals”



This is our annual service, honoring the joy and love the creatures of the earth bring to our lives. The service includes a time when your pet may be blessed if you wish (and your pet can accompany you to the service); you may also send in a photo of a pet, and those will be shown on a slideshow during the service. All animals need to be on a leash or in a carrier. We welcome lizards and birds, as well as dogs and cats.

Photos: If you can't bring your pet, please email your pet's picture to (fuulouisville@gmail.com) or put a hard copy in Barbara's (the office manager's) box at church. Include your name as well as the pet's name!! The picture will be made into a slide to project as we bless your pet. As in past years, there will be a memorial blessing for the pets we have lost this year. You may send pictures, clearly labeled as deceased, and comments to (fuulouisville@gmail.com) or put an envelope with comments and picture in Barbara's (the office manager's) box. If you sent in a picture prior years and want to use it, let us know.

The best pictures for slides should be square or in LANDSCAPE orientation. **If you do not receive a confirmation that your photo was received, – send a text to Pam (502-387-9314) or an e-mail (office@firstulou.org).** The DEADLINE to send pet photos for inclusion in the blessing is Thursday, October 4.

First Sunday Food and Personal Care Collection

First U has a special focus on collecting donations for CLCM on the first Sunday each month. NEXT WEEK, as you do your personal shopping, remember to pick up non-perishable food items, and personal care items, and bring them to church Sunday October 7, for our neighbors in need.

October 7 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

Adult Classes Meeting October 7:

Building Your Own Theology (BYOT) Lead by Rev. Kathy Hurt in the Library, room 103

Tending the Flame: The Art of UU Parenting in room 203

Women's Spirituality Group closed group meets in the Parlor

“New to UU” Class Coming October 7 12:15 in the Church Library

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,

The usual First Sunday Church Luncheon will not be served on Oct. 7; however, we will have a delicious salad bar set up in the church library, our meeting space. So, no worries— we won't go hungry.

The class usually lasts about 2 ½ or 3 hours. Childcare will NOT be provided for New to UU participants' children. 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! Hope to see you there!

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.

From The Ministerial Search Committee



Survey – For everyone!! DEADLINE TODAY

Please go to <http://bit.ly/firstusurvey> to fill out the survey. If you NEED a paper copy, please contact pamiddleton1@gmail.com or talk to any of the committee members. Pam will send it to you by USPS, with a self-addressed envelope. When we receive it back, it will be entered anonymously into the computer data bank to be analyzed with everyone else.

Last Cottage Meeting: Today, 12:30-2:30

Be an essential active part of the process to find a minister who is an excellent fit for First Unitarian. The last scheduled meeting is this Sunday in the First U in the library. Hosted by Maureen Taylor and Bill Allison. See the midweek update for more information.

FYI

No October First Sunday Lunch The usual First Sunday Lunch won't be served in October. See you in November! (If you will be attending the New to UU Class, a salad bar will be served as part of the class.)

Staff Update We have a new/old individual joining our staff starting October 1: our present custodian, Vantreasea Jones (who prefers just Van), is taking over the responsibilities previously held by retired staffer Earl Reynolds, in the position of Building Manager. Van will continue her custodial work, while adding to it oversight of building maintenance and upkeep. If you've not met Van before, please introduce yourself when you see her around during the week.

Brownbagger Field Trip Monday, October 8 at 11:30am . Come join us at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, (4936 Old Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40222) for our Brownbag Lunch and viewing of T.J's quilt, which was featured in a recent UU World issue. All are invited.

Book Club October 8 Join us in the parlor for our monthly meeting. This month, Lois Allen will lead our discussion of *Word by Word*, Kory Stamper.

Women's Retreat October 19-21 Women's Alliance is hosting a retreat Friday night October 19 thru Sunday noon October 21. Women of First U, Clifton and TJ are invited to attend and enjoy shared meals, sisterhood, and workshops. Not a WA member yet? No problem, annual membership is only \$10. The retreat will be at an Airbnb home on Taylorsville Rd - all are welcome. Cost is \$40 per night, \$15 for day only, and \$80 for the whole weekend. Contact Kathy Gapsis (kgapsis@gmail.com) for more information.

Fresh Stop Market New Roots (www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607). Next delivery: Wednesday, September 26 Order deadline: (Friday, September 21) Order by October 5 for October 10 delivery.

Thank You Kroger Shoppers Forty-eight of our households signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Their purchases between late May-August earned us \$284.48. Kroger is sending us a check – free money! To sign up, go to Kroger.com/communityrewards and click Enroll (First Unitarian Church or CN305), When you shop for groceries and scan your card, First U automatically earns a rebate.

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, e-mail office@firsttulou.org. Our regular office hours are 10am–2pm Monday – Friday. The phone number is (502) 585-5110.

Today, September 30

CLCM 50th Anniversary Gala

Join us from 3:00-6:00 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. Even if you weren't able to get a ticket, Linette says you're welcome to just come. Help CLCM reach their \$50,000 goal!



CENTRAL LOUISVILLE
Community Ministries

Louisville United Against Violence

(once known as Hands Across Louisville)

Combat Violence in Our City and Build Unity across the 9th Street Divide

2:00 Interfaith prayer service (including Rev. Kathy) at St. Augustine Catholic Church community center at 1310 W. Broadway.

2:45 pm – 3:30 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.

4:00-4:30 Hand-holding along Broadway, where we make visible our commitment against violence. First U's block is between 6th and 7th Street.



Talk to either Trish Ramey, event co-chair, or Bethany Borgemenke, First Unitarian block captain, to learn more. Check with Trish to get a t-shirts that helps defray event expenses. (T-Shirts are also available at the rally.)

TARC is giving us free service along Broadway all afternoon. Just show them one of our flyers or cards (available from Trish or Beth).

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, Building Manager

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.