

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

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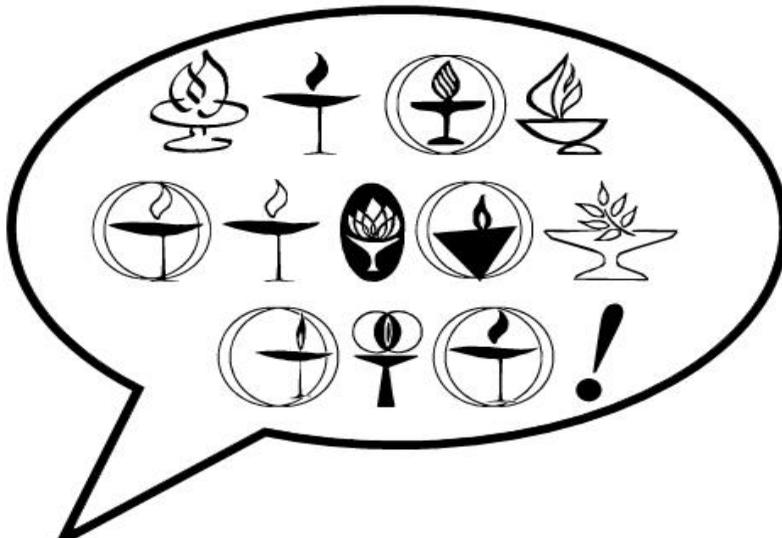
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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

Service Coordinator: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Pam Middleton

Chancel Decoration: Carol Tobe



April 1, 2018

**“THE ONLY THING  
THAT HAPPENS”**

**SPEAKER:**

**REV. DR. KATHY HURT**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Clare Gervasi

**Prelude**

*Agnus Dei*

First U Choir

**Chalice Lighting**

Madeline Sherman

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

*Lo, the Day of Days Is Here*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**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**

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** "Siciliano from Sonata in E-Flat Major, BWV 1031" Jim Fry, Flute  
by J.S. Bach Ethan, Organ

**~ EXPLORING ~****Moment for All Ages**

Cassandra Culin

**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** *The Only Thing that Happens* Rev. Kathy

**Stewardship Message** Devi Pierce

+ **Hymn** *Rising Green* #1068

**~ 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** *Locus iste* First U Choir  
Anton Bruckner

**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 8**

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

“Theology of O”

Speaker: Christe Lunsford

**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 April 8 to share our ministry theme through religious exploration – together!

**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.

**Place your donations** in the parlor beginning April 8. Please be sure to label items “for Service Auction.” You can call the church 502-585-5110 to see when someone is here if you'd like to drop things off during the week.

## FYI

**April Luncheon** Due to the Easter Pancake Breakfast today, the Luncheon after the Celebration of Life will be on the second Sunday this month. See you April 8th!

**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.

**Young Adult and Adult OWL** Did you know that OWL is not JUST for children and youth? Young Adult OWL helps participants navigate young adulthood with accurate information, increased self-knowledge, enhanced safety and strengthened interpersonal skills. Adult OWL uses values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points. This program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages, builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. We hope to offer one or both of these OWL programs here at First U next year, and we're seeking facilitators. U of L is sponsoring a training right here in Louisville in June! Contact Linette at [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org) if you are interested in becoming trained!

**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)

### 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](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.