

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: Pam Middleton

Chancel Decoration: Susie Ems



October 7, 2018

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristi Drehmel

Prelude

Give Me Birds at the Dawning
Betsy Binstalk

First U Choir

Chalice Lighting

Madeline Sherman

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

#38

~ 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."

Invitation to Generosity

Kristi

*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

Adore te devote (For the Beauty of the Earth)

First U Choir

Arr. Clif Hardin

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Homily

The Zoo in Me

Rev. Kathy

Blessing of the Animals

Memorial for Deceased Pets

+ **Hymn**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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~ **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

Postlude

Humorous Duet for Two Cats

Attributed to Giachomo Rossini

Sarah Byrd

Brittany Carwile

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.

“New to UU” Class Today
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.

The usual First Sunday Church Luncheon will not be served, but 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. We look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces! Hope to see you there!

Join Us Next Week: October 14

Celebration of Life 11:00am

"Empty Seats at the Table"

As we make more efforts to be inclusive and to notice ways in which we may unconsciously exclude others, we often overlook the small gestures of exclusivity that are happening all around, all the time. This service considers the surprising ways we can overlook the people nearest us.

October 14 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 (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! Second Sundays in the Social Hall

Other Classes Meeting October 14

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

Women's Spirituality Group closed group meets in the Parlor

FYI

No October First Sunday Lunch The usual First Sunday Lunch won't be served today. 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. See the announcement about that.)

Brownbagger Field Trip Monday, October 8 at 11:30am. Come join us at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, (4936 Old Brownsboro Road. Louisville, KY 40222) for our Brownbag Lunch and viewing of TJ'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*, by Kory Stamper.

Welcome New Group in the Building Beginning this past week, a group started bringing in food and serving lunch to the homeless of the community on Wednesdays. The women leading the group are called God's Girls, and they've been doing this for several years. They'll be using the social hall, entering through the courtyard.

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 Road - 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.

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. Van's email is building1stu@gmail.com

Fresh Stop Market New Roots (www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607). Next delivery: Wednesday, October 10 (order deadline: Friday, October 5) Order by October 19 for October 24 delivery.

Thank You Kroger Shoppers The purchases last quarter of the 48 First U households that signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program 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),

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.