

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: Trish Ramey

Chancel Decoration: Donna Corbett



October 14, 2018

EMPTY SEATS AT THE TABLE

SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Brittany Blau

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

Trish Ramey

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Enter, Rejoice and Come In

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~ 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

Brittany

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**

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*Empty Seats at the Table*

Rev. Kathy

+ Hymn*Love Will Guide Us*

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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**

Ethan

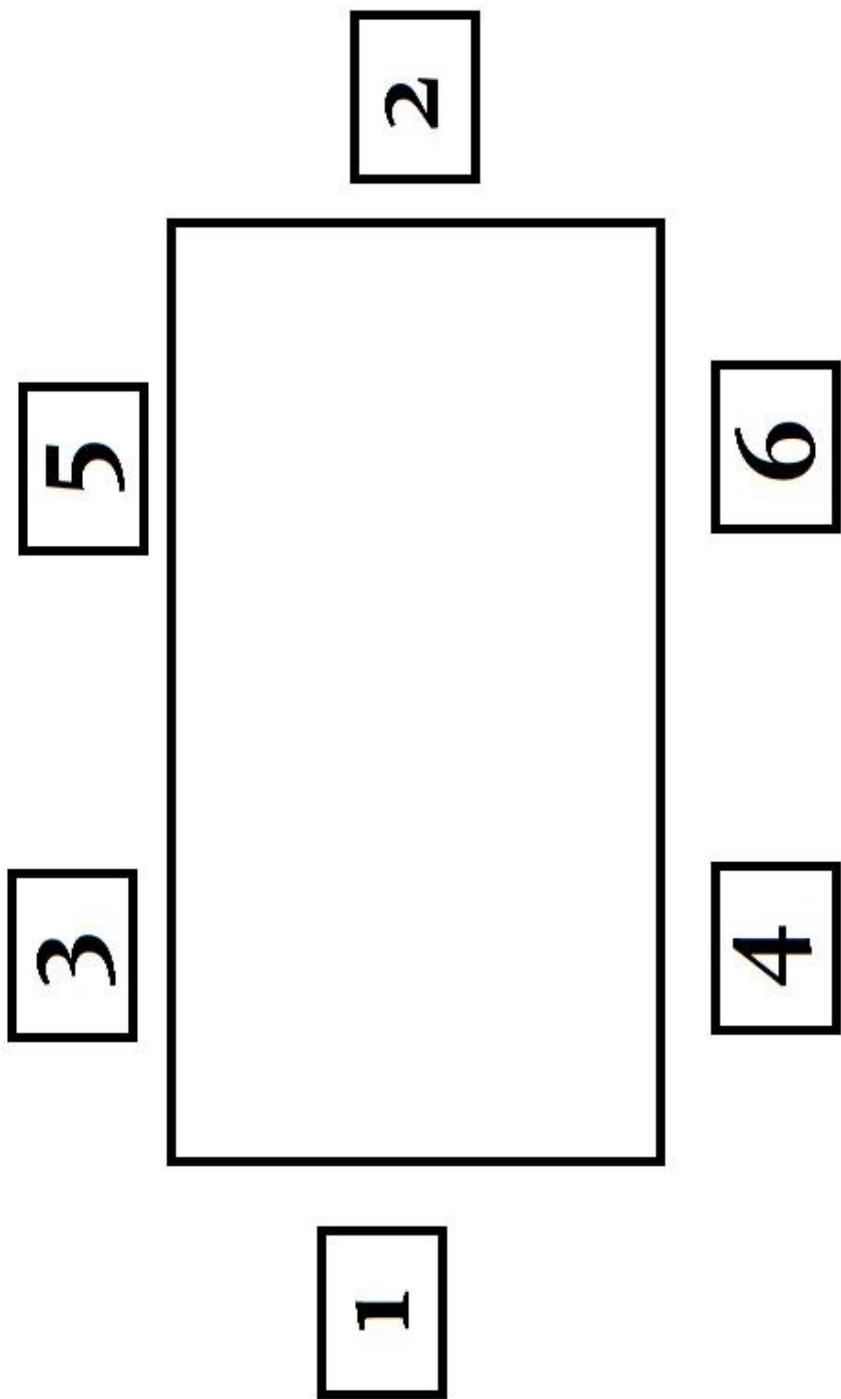
Our Mission (*unison*)

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.



FYI

Social Justice Survey First U service and social justice leaders are compiling data to gain insight into which of our projects congregants participate. Please participate in the survey on the last inside page of the order of service. You can tear it out and turn it in to an usher or if you'd like more time, turn it in to the office or email answers to office@firstulou.org to be shared. Thank you!

Thinking About Joining First U? See the information in the "Join Us Next Week" section about an opportunity to do so.

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.

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

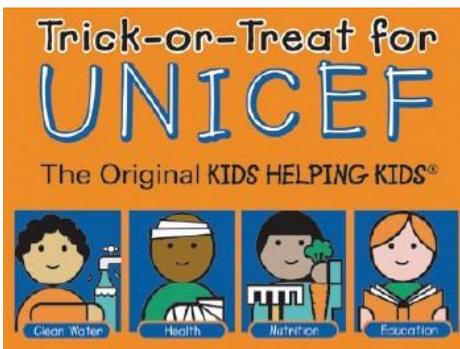
Kundalini Yoga on the second and fourth Sundays. Join us at 2pm in the choir room starting today. Loren Crawford teaches this drop-in, free-will donation class that is open to every experience level and ability. Bring your own yoga mat or blanket (or sit in a chair), wear comfortable clothes. Each class includes exercises, deep relaxation and meditation. You will feel better!

Trick or Treat for UNICEF **Sunday, November 4 (note new date)** during the Celebration of Life

Come Trick-or-Treat with us and help children all over the world! Children, youth and adults are invited to wear your (not too scary) costumes to church.

We will trick-or-treat for change during the service, so bring your piggy banks and dig deep. Please bring change and small bills to the service for the kids to collect and let's see if we can break our record amount of \$420!

The service is followed by the church luncheon with a Halloween party for the children upstairs.



Join Us Next Week: October 21

Celebration of Life 11:00am

"What if My Enemies Don't Deserve to be Loved?"

Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Spiritual traditions urge us to extend compassion, even love, to our enemies. But is that truly realistic, or wise? Are there not some enemies who should be fought? This service struggles with the reality of being unable to find caring for those I really, truly, deeply dislike and distrust.

New Member Ceremony

October 21

Next Sunday, we will formally welcome all those folks who became new members since the ceremony last spring.

If you've been considering membership, contact Rev. Kathy, (minister@firstulou.org), to be added to those welcomed next week.



October 21 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 21

Building Your Own Theology (BYOT) 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

(Turn in to an Usher or to the office)

First U service and social justice leaders are compiling data to gain insight into which of our projects congregants participate in (and how much), as well as what sorts of social justice engagement congregants take part in outside the church.

Below is a list of the current service and social justice projects the church supports; please indicate which ones you have participated in during the last year, as well as whether your participation was in the form of a donation (of money or materials) or of time (with your best guess as to how much time you gave to the project in hours per month for number of months, and note if it is ongoing):

Participation		Projects
\$/materials	Time	Black Lives Matter
		Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM)
		Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT)
		Immigration Justice
		Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (KRCRC)
		Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
		New Roots/Fresh Stop Market
		Solar Array Project
		Women’s Alliance Justice Projects (please specific which)
		Louisville United Against Violence
		Seasonal Social Justice Projects (for example: presents for Coleridge Taylor students)

Other special or one-time social justice efforts (please specify)

Many congregants engage in social justice work outside the church; please list below any social justice projects you have taken part in beyond our First U projects, along with the nature of your participation (donation of money/materials, time):

Do you find advocacy work or direct service work more fulfilling?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT

_____ (name optional)

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.