

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

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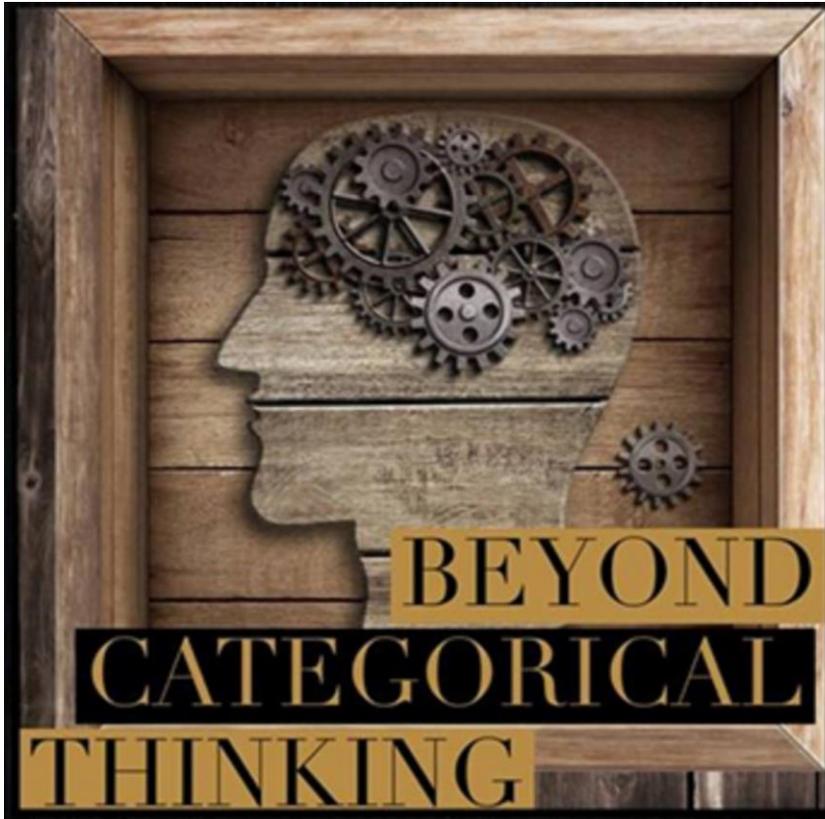
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We are grateful for those who serve this morning, including:

Service Coordinator: Pam Middleton

Worship Associate: Jill Sherman

Chancel Decoration: Janet Markland



September 23, 2018

## BEYOND BOXES

SPEAKER: AMANDA SCHUBER

**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.

+ *Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Pat Triplett

**Prelude**

*Cynthia Kemper: A Fanfare*  
Virgil Thomson

Drew Sarette  
Ethan McCollum

**Chalice Lighting**

Jill Sherman

**Call to Worship**

Maureen Taylor

+ **Hymn**

*When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration of Mission and Covenant** (*unison*)

Pam Middleton

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*)

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."

**Moment of Prayer and Meditation**

Pam

## Responsive Reading

Bill Allen

One We would go deeper

**All We would become the selves we cannot even imagine today.**

One We would become courageous

**All We would grow to delight in congregations filled with different perspectives.**

One We would know unutterable joy

**All We would be filled with gratitude.**

One May we go deeper

**All May our time together open our hearts and sharpen our minds.**

One May our learning know no end

**All May we find the sacred within and around us.**

One May we see the beauty in each others' faces

**All + One May we find our way to the depth of our being and there know holiness.**

## Invitation to Generosity

Pat

*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

*Walk On*  
Carl Strommen

First U Choir

## ~ EXPLORING ~

## Moment for All Ages

*One* by Kathryn Otoshi

Clare Gervasi

## 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

*Beyond Boxes*

Amanda Schuber

## ~ RETURNING ~

+ **Hymn** *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table* #407

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (*unison*) Jill

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** Jeff Warner

**Postlude** *La Vision by Charles-Valentin Alkan* Brytner

**Benediction** (*unison*)

Here may you know that you are lovable and that indeed you are loved!  
And may you carry that love out into the world as a blessing.

### **About Our Speaker** ***Amanda Schuber***

Amanda has a 26 year history as a Unitarian Universalist. In graduate school she focused on Oppression Studies, and has been an advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights for many years. She is currently studying for her Masters of Divinity at Starr King School for the Ministry.

In her “spare” time she travels the country working with UU congregations as a Beyond Categorical Thinking Facilitator, assisting congregations in examining biases in the ministerial search process. We expect a thought provoking sermon, and hope that you will also be able to join us for the workshop after the service

**Join Us Next Week: September 30**  
**Celebration of Life 11:00am**

*“Just As I Am”*

Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

One area in which many struggle to find a measure of acceptance, much less beauty, is in our physical appearance. This service looks for ways to see oneself as beautiful, no matter what cultural messages say otherwise.

## **Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop**

**Today from 12:30 – 4:00pm**

THINK OF A MINISTER. DON'T THINK OF AN ELEPHANT. Chances are you thought of both. And distinct images perhaps came to mind. In terms of a minister, what images came to mind? Was it a person of a particular gender, race, or age?

Beyond Categorical Thinking is a required part of the search process for our congregation. In finding the person who would be the best match for our minister, we could potentially overlook or even let unrecognized biases keep us from knowing that a particular person would be the best match for us. Ministers in our faith who are people of color, bisexual, gay, lesbian, female, transgender, differently-abled, young, old, ethnically different, or of a different class—all of these credentialed ministers still face discrimination as part of the ministerial search process.

Amanda Schuber from the UUA is facilitating a conversation where we will have a chance to examine how we can avoid letting prejudice become a part of our search process.

**Everyone is encouraged to attend. Child care is available.**

### **September 30 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**

### **Special RE Speaker**

#### **Dean Bucalos, Mission Behind Bars and Beyond**

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3) directly addresses the causes of recidivism and seeks to reduce the rate among returning citizens released from Kentucky correctional facilities. The program adopts a multi-layer, holistic approach that begins with the individual while incarcerated, assists with pre-release preparation, and provides support and assistance once the individual returns to the community. The mission is to educate communities to welcome, support, mentor, and equip returning citizens with the tools to successfully re-enter society.

Dean Bucalos, Executive Director of MB3, has experience as both a practicing attorney and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He will share his passion for justice, belief in forgiveness and mercy, and his hopes to bring MB3 to a place of long-term sustainability. Please join us in the library for a presentation about and discussion of MB3's work.

## **“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 ½ 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.

### **FYI**

**CUUPS: Fall Equinox Celebration** Today 6:00 Please join First UU CUUPS group as we celebrate the Autumn Equinox. This holiday marks the middle of the harvest cycle – when both the days and nights are of equal length. It is a time to reap what you sow, a time to give thanks to Mother Earth for the bounty she provides and a time to rest after bringing in the crops. Doors open at 5:30 with Ritual beginning at 6pm. Potluck after the ritual so please bring food to share.

**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 \$50,000 goal!

**Fresh Stop Market** New Roots ([www.newroots.org](http://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.

**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](mailto:office@firsttulou.org). Our regular office hours are 10am–2pm Monday – Friday. The phone number is (502) 585-5110.

**Louisville United Against Violence** September 30 Events include an interfaith prayer service (including Rev. Kathy) at 2:00 at St. Augustine Catholic Church community center and hand holding along Broadway at 4:00pm. First U's block is between 6th and 7th Street. See Trish Ramey, Bethany Borgamenke, or the midweek update for more information.

**KIPL Awards Dinner** Please join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm at Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light's annual Hope In Action Awards dinner at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (330 N. Hubbards Lane, 40207). This event brings together faith communities to celebrate the good works in creation care that have taken place in Kentucky over the last year. Presenters include Sr. Cecilia Skees, whose Sisters of Loretto community helped stop the Bluegrass Pipeline. Jewish Community Center is one of three 2018 Hope in Action Award winners. For information, contact Kathy Kremer (kathykremer11@gmail.com).

**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.

**Blessing of the Animals** October 7 Save the date!

*From The Ministerial Search Committee*



**Survey – For everyone!!**

Please go to <http://bit.ly/firstusurvey> to fill out the survey. If you NEED a paper copy, please contact [pamiddleton1@gmail.com](mailto: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: September 30, 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 next Sunday in the First U in the library or social hall. RSVP if you are planning on coming to lunch. Hosted by Maureen Taylor and Bill Allison. See the midweek update for more information.

# 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](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.