

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: Brian Daly

Worship Associate: Trish Ramey

Chancel Decoration: Nancy MacPherson



September 9, 2018

I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT!

SPEAKERS:

**BRIAN DALY, JAMES JEFFRIES,
& TRISH RAMEY**

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristi Drehmel

Prelude

Come, Be Happy, Sing a Song Today

First U Choir

Chalice Lighting

Trish Ramey

Call to Worship

Brian Daly

+ **Hymn**

When the Spirit Says Do

#1024

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration of 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*)

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

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

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

Intermezzo
Manuel Ponce

Brytner

~ EXPLORING ~**Moment for All Ages***Why Would Anyone Volunteer?*

Brian

Sermon*Why I Volunteer*

James Jeffries
Trish Ramey
Brian Daly

Breakout Session (*Multigenerational, kids remain*)

You will have 6 minutes to attend three different discussion groups.

Choose a table, listen to their opportunities, ask questions, and answer the question, *"Is this something that I would want to do?"*

Like speed dating, it is time to move on to the next table when the bell rings.

~ RETURNING ~**+ Hymn***Fire of Commitment*

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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

Brian

Postlude*Be Ours a Religion*

First U Choir

Our Mission (*unison*)

Brian

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.

About Our Speakers

James Jeffries, Trish Ramey, and Brian Daly are active members of First Unitarian and have served in a variety of church activities over the past several years. The one big question they have all faced is “Why do I keep volunteering to do things?” In this session our trepid trio will give you a glimpse of why they do this amid the multiple challenges of their lives.

Join Us Next Week: September 16

Celebration of Life 11:00am

“National Indigenous Peoples Day”

Speaker: Angela Arnett Gardner

Angela Arnett Gardner has been called the mother of the “Indigenous Peoples Day” in Kentucky for her work to educate people about the importance of the movement and to pass honoring proclamations in cities across the state. “I would like to help remove the prevailing myths about Kentucky Native American history including the false presumption that our state was merely a hunting ground,” she explains.

In the future, she will work to demonstrate for the Kentucky State Legislature and the next governor that their constituents support and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in hopes that they will pass a statewide Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation as well as have Kentucky recognized as a state which appreciates its rich Native American history and as a destination for Native American cultural events.

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 September 16

Building Your Own Theology (BYOT) – in the Library, room 103

Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting – in room 203

FYI

Welcome Back Brownbaggers Monday, September 10 Come join us at 11:45am or so in the church library to hear from John Willingham and our own John Peabody tell us about *Hearts for Kenya*, a welfare organization focusing on promoting efficient farming practices and providing medical assistance.

Book Club Monday September 10 at 6pm in the Parlor This month's book is *History of a Pleasure Seeker* by Richard Mason. Rita Sasse will lead the discussion. All are welcome.

Middle School Youth Retreat September 22-23. Registration deadline: Friday, September 14. (www.firstulou.org) See the midweek update for details.

Student Voter Registration Sunday, September 16, from Noon to 1pm at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church. Are you a First U High School Youth or Young Adult who cares about... the health of our planet? School safety? College tuition? Student Loan Debt? Immigration policies? Social Justice? Equality? This is a great day to join us for Youth Voter Engagement Training in partnership with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Learn how to register yourself, your friends, and your neighborhood to vote in this fall's election. Bring a friend!

KIPL Awards Dinner Please join us on Tuesday, September 25 at 6pm 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 important 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 more information, contact Kathy Kremer (kathykremer11@gmail.com).

Fresh Stop Market For more information, contact New Roots (www.newroots.org) or Barbra Justice (velma2720@yahoo.com or 502-234-0607). Next delivery: Wednesday, September 12; Order deadline: Friday, September 21 for September 26 delivery.

Chalice Circles Interested in joining a small group for discussion and sharing on the monthly worship themes? See the midweek update for more information. Contact Rev. Kathy (minister@firstulou.org) to indicate your interest.

Chalice Lighters Wanted If you're entering third grade or above, we'd love to have you learn how to light our chalice at the beginning of our Celebration of Life services. This is an important role in our service, and we want all children and youth to have an opportunity to participate in this way. Please contact Loren Crawford (dre@firstulou.org) if interested

“New to UU” Class Sunday, October 7 at 12:30. The session will be held after the service on 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 which 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! See the midweek update for more information.

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 Central Louisville Community Ministries reach their goal of raising \$50,000!

Louisville United Against Violence (formerly known as Hands Across Louisville) Saturday, September 30. Combat violence in our city and build unity across the 9th Street Divide. Events include:

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

2:45pm – 3:30pm Community Engagement Rally (led by Metro Councilwoman Barbara Sexton-Smith, US KY Rep. John Yarmuth, the Urban League, Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, etc.).

4:00-4:30pm Hand-holding along Broadway, where we make a visible commitment of unity against violence. First U's block is between 6th and 7th Street. Talk to either Trish Ramey, event co-chair, or Bethany Borgamenke, First Unitarian block captain, to sign up and/or learn more. Trish will also be selling "fabulous" t-shirts that help us cover our costs.

TARC is giving us free service along Broadway if you show them a flyer or card (available from Trish). You may also park on any side street along Broadway, or behind St. Augustine, if there is room.

See the midweek update for more information.

Black Lives Matter vigils at First U are on hiatus. First U continues to express support for the Black Lives Matter movement through its work in the community, the banner on the 4th St church facade, and on our website.

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.

From The Ministerial Search Committee



Cottage Meetings – Please Attend

The Search Committee needs your insights and observations! An important step in the search process is to conduct a congregational survey, which will help the committee convey to potential ministerial candidates our accurate demographics, needs and wishes for our future. However, results gained from this survey only gives a snapshot of who we are. Cottage meetings are being scheduled so congregants have the opportunity to discuss in more depth what they want and need regarding our new settled minister.

Please attend one of these meetings, and be an essential active part of the process to find a minister who is an excellent fit for First Unitarian.

Tuesday, September 11, 7:00-9:00pm

Home of Jill Sherman - 2100 Lancashire Avenue, Louisville 40205

Saturday, September 15, 10:00am-noon

Home of Pam Middleton – 1630 Lucia Avenue; Louisville 40204

Thursday, September 20, 6:30-8:30pm

Magnolia Montessori – 1451 S. 1st Street, Louisville, 40208

Saturday, September 22, 3:00-5:00pm

First Unitarian Church – in the library

Sunday, September 30, 12:30-2:30pm

First Unitarian Church – in the library, pizza lunch will be available

Three Things to Know About the Search Committee

1. The committee to search for a new minister is already hard at work. After 2½ meetings this summer, the whole group Retreated to TJ on August 24 and 25 for a clarifying, energizing, and all-around inspiring day-and-a-half workshop led by Barb Weber, our UUA guide for the challenging task ahead.
2. Although much of our work must be confidential, our first task involves the entire church: In order to create a concrete and accurate picture of First Unitarian Church to attract prospective ministers, we have to learn all sorts of details about our current members. (We can't just cut and paste from the summary prepared 10 years ago, as First U has changed.) Where do we get those details? From an anonymous survey that should be available to everyone in early September. We need to hear from EVERYBODY, so please be on the lookout for the survey, and make it a priority to respond quickly! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
3. Finally, in case you are wondering who the six congregants are who took on this daunting task, they are Bill Allison, Clare Gervasi, Pam Middleton, Jill Sherman, Maureen Taylor, and Jeff Warner.

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, Custodian 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.