

~ **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.

FREE PARKING: The parking lot off 4th Street next to the church is free all day Sunday. The lot off of York Street, across from the Library, is free until 1:30 pm.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER <http://www.firstulou.org/stepletalk>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS <http://firstulou.org/calendar>

OUR MINISTRY STAFF

The Reverend Dawn Cooley, *Senior Minister*

Linette Lowe, *Dir. Religious Exploration*

Christe Lunsford, *Student Minister*

SUPPORT STAFF

Ethan McCollum, *Accompanist*

Christina Roberts, *Childcare Coordinator*

Barbara Creasy, *Office Administrator*

NaQueesha Puckett, *Childcare staff*

Earl Reynolds, *Building Supervisor*

Elena Meeks, *Childcare staff*

Michael Purinton, *Bookkeeper*

Quinton Moore, *Custodian*

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Our Black Lives Matter Candle burns in silent testimony to our determination to raise our own awareness and to pursue justice. We hold vigils on the second week of each month after the Celebration of Life.

Our vigils provide an opportunity for church members and friends to speak up, identify as allies, and invite a conversation about race. Join us after the service as we exit through the front door at Heywood House, and have our vigil on 4th Street. It lasts about 30 minutes and signs are provided.

ZOOM INTO FIRSTU

Want to stay home on Sunday and still “attend” the First Unitarian service? Through Zoom, we now livestream our services. Members and friends can sign into Zoom and access the service in real time. If you want to do this, here is the process:

1. Go to the website www.firstulou.org.
2. Click on the “Where Are We” tab
3. Click on “Livestreaming our Sunday Service”
4. Follow the directions
5. Enjoy the service!

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:

Worship Associate: Nancy MacPherson

Chancel Decoration: Kathie Johnson



October 2, 2016

QUESTION BOX

SPEAKER: THE REV. DAWN COOLEY

“To question, truly is an answer.” - Shelley Jackson Denham

~ **GATHERING** ~

Gathering Music		Ethan McCollum
Bell Sound		
Welcome		Bill Van Rooy
Prelude	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Priscilla Walston Hunt
Chalice Lighting		Nancy MacPherson
Call to Worship		The Rev. Dawn Cooley
+ Hymn	<i>A Fierce Unrest</i>	#304

~ **AFFIRMING** ~

Declaration <i>(unison)</i>		Chrste Lunsford
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 <i>(unison)</i>		
When I breathe in, I breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I breathe out love.		
Moment of Prayer and Meditation		
Sung Response <i>(unison)</i>		
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 Bill
*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 *One Voice* The Solstice Sisters

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Collecting the Questions

Questions from the Children Rev. Dawn

Song for the Children

Go in love, our hearts go with you.
Go in joy, our hopes go too.
Learn in love and grow in wisdom.
Shine your light in all you do.

Questions from the Youth and Adults Rev. Dawn

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn** *Thanks Be For These* #322

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. Dawn

Postlude Ethan

Benediction *(unison)* Rev. Dawn

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*

“**New to UU**” **Class** today at 12:30 in the Library! There will be a New Member Ceremony on October 23. Contact Rev. Dawn if you’d like to join First Unitarian. **Everyone Welcome!**