

~ **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/steepletalk>

**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 Purintun, *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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 ~  
(502) 585-5110      [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org)

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

Worship Associate: Cassandra Culin      Chancel Decoration: Maureen Taylor



October 16, 2016

**FINDING REASON IN  
UNREASONABLE TIMES  
SPEAKER: TRET FURE**

~ **GATHERING** ~

**Gathering Music**

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Bill Van Rooy

**Introduction of Guest Speaker**

Christe Lunsford

**Prelude**

*A Piece of the Sky*

Tret Fure

**Chalice Lighting**

Cassandra Culin

**Call to Worship**

Christe

+ **Hymn**

*My Life Flows On In Endless Song*

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~ **AFFIRMING** ~

**Declaration** *(unison)*

Christe

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)*

When I breathe in, I breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Christe

**Moment of Prayer and Meditation**

**Sung Response** *(unison)*

Christe

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.

**Moment for All Ages**

*Spread it Around*

Linette Lowe

**Song for the Children**

Go in love, out 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.

**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**

*Further*

Tret

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Reading**

*Interbeing*, by Thich Nhat Hanh

**Sermon**

*Finding Reason in Unreasonable Times*

Tret

+ **Hymn**

Tret

~ **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**

Tret

**Postlude**

*Freedom*

Tret

**Benediction** *(unison)*

Christe

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*

**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. Children ages Preschool thru 3rd Grade are invited to attend. **Children's Celebration** in room 212/213. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Postlude. **"Busy Bags"** are available on the Usher Table or ask an Usher.