

# 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 Coordinators: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Kathy Thackeray

Chancel Decoration: Ron Zorn



October 22, 2017

**DOWN THE PASSAGE NOT  
TAKEN, TOWARDS THE DOOR  
NEVER OPENED**

**SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

EthanMcCollum

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Kathy Drehmel

**Prelude**

Ethan

**Chalice Lighting**

Kathy Thackeray

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

*When I Am Frightened*

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## ~ AFFIRMING ~

**Declaration** (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

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.

**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**

Kathy D

*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 ~

### New Member Ceremony

Jill Sampson and Rev. Kathy

#### **Congregation:**

We receive you with open hands and hearts! As you join us, we once again renew our own commitment to this religious community. We seek to be open and inclusive, respecting your inherent dignity, your ideas and your vision, in times when it is easy and in times when it is difficult. In turn, we ask that you recognize our humanity: we will not always live up to our ideals. When we fall short, we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us more fully live into our covenant. We are proud and happy to have you among us. Welcome!

#### **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)

*Caregivers, please pick up your child(ren) in Room 212 at or before 12:15.*

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Kathy

#### + **Hymn**

*It is Something to Have Wept*

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## ~ RETURNING ~

#### **Extinguishing the Chalice** (*unison*)

Rev. Kathy

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. Kathy

#### **Postlude**

Ethan

#### **Benediction** (*unison*)

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. **"Busy Bags"** are available on the Usher Table or ask an Usher.

**Join Us Next Week: Sunday, October 29**

**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**  
*"Inclusion, Boundaries and Covenant"*  
Speaker: Linette Lowe

**4th-6th Grade OWL** meets in room 204 from 11:00-12:15.

**Religious Exploration Sundays 9:45-10:45**

**Classes Meeting October 29**

*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.

**Preschool -1st Grade** (Explorers) *Treasure Hunting-Take 2* Room 212.

**2nd - 4th Grade** (Seekers) *Spirit of Adventure* Room 207.

**5th - 8th Grade** (Questers) *Lodestone* Room 202.

**Senior High:** *Individual Apprenticeships See the DRE*

**Cakes for the Queen of Heaven** Room 101 (Parlor)

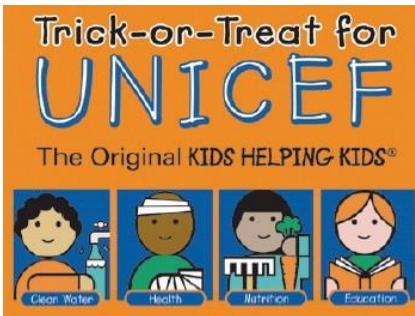
**Faith Like a River: Themes from UU History** Room 103 (Library)

**Coffee and Social Justice** Social Hall.

**Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF**

Come Trick-or-Treat with us October 29 and help children all over the world! Children, youth and adults are invited to wear your (not too scary) costumes to church, where we will trick-or-treat for change in the service.

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!



## FYI

**About the Cover** Can you find the hidden objects? There are 14 animals hiding: crayfish, beetle, songbird, snake, fish, turtle, dragonfly, duck, rabbit, snail, frog, butterfly, raccoon's head, and a person's face.

source: [www.thespruce.com](http://www.thespruce.com)

**CUUPs Samhain and Potluck** Tonight. Everyone is welcome to join us. Samhain means "End of Summer" and is the third and final Harvest. The Dark half of the year commences on this Sabbat. It is a magical interval when the mundane laws of time and space are temporarily suspended, and the Thin Veil between the worlds is lifted. It is said that communicating with ancestors and departed loved ones is easy at this time, for they journey through this world on Samhain. The doors open at 5:30pm and the Circle starts at 6pm. A potluck dinner will follow around 7 pm.

**Food Gift Cards Needed** New Roots is accepting donations of grocery store gift cards (Kroger, Valu Market, etc.) to help low income shareholders purchase produce over the winter months. The October 25 market delivery is the last one for the year. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Barbra Justice 502-234-0607.

**Wednesday Evensong Service** Join us on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30-7:00 in the Sanctuary as we continue the evening contemplative service series. This short service is a place of quiet centering, music, and ritual that will send you forth feeling renewed.

**Hope in Action Awards Banquet** Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light (KIPL) invites us to attend its annual "Hope in Action Awards" annual banquet on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40207. Popular folk singer and songwriter John Gage will perform. First Unitarian Church will be among past Hope In Action Award winners named as part of KIPL's tenth anniversary celebration. Tickets are \$35 per person. To purchase a ticket or for more information, please contact Kathy Kremer [atkathykremer11@gmail.com](mailto:atkathykremer11@gmail.com) or 502-459-4109. See the midweek update for details. For information about KIPL, go to <http://www.kentuckyipl.org>.

## 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

Linette Lowe, Dir. Religious Exploration    Christe Lunsford, Student Minister

### Support Staff

Ethan McCollum, Choir Director	Christina Roberts, Childcare Coordinator
Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator	Elena Meeks, Childcare staff
Earl Reynolds, Building Supervisor	NaQueesha Puckett, Childcare staff
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	and RE Assistant
Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian

### 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!