

~ 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 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: Jill Sampson Chancel Decoration: Jill Sampson



October 23, 2016

**THAT WHICH MAY SEEM LIKE
AN ENDING, MAY ONLY BE
JUST THE BEGINNING, PART 2
SPEAKER: THE REV. DAWN COOLEY**

~ **GATHERING** ~

Invitation to Generosity

Nancy

*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

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Celebrating Endings and Beginnings

Rev. Dawn
Jill Sampson

+ **Hymn**

River of My People

New Member Ceremony

Devi Pierce

Minister to Congregation

Member of the congregation, will you reach out to these people in friendship, including them in our activities and fellowship? Will you walk with them on their religious journey?

Will you be open to their unique gifts and perspectives? Will you extend a warm welcome to each of them, remembering that each of you was once a new member?

Congregation

Yes! We join our strengths, talents and commitments with yours. You are a part of us and we are a part of you

We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves. 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.

We seek to be supportive, not only when you reach out in courage to us, but also when you need us to reach out to you.

In return we ask that you recognize our humanity; we will not always live up to our ideals. And when we fall short we invite you to stay in relationship with us and help us to more fully bring alive the spirit of love.

We welcome you as equal members of his congregation, of this faith, and of our shared spiritual journey.

~ **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

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

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. Children ages Preschool through 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.

Please join us today after the service.

Farewell Party for Rev. Dawn

Come and enjoy finger foods, cake, and good company.

Let's give our Minister a fond farewell!!!



Rev. Dawn begins a new journey soon and we wish her only the best. We've grown in many ways as a result of her time here at First Unitarian. She will be helping UU Congregations learn to adapt to the changes churches are experiencing today.