

~ **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**

Linette Lowe, *Dir. Religious Exploration  
and Transition Team Leader*

Christe Lunsford, *Student Minister  
and Choir Director*

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Ethan McCollum, *Accompanist*

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*

**TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS**

The Team members include Linette Lowe, Transition Team Leader; Christe Lunsford, Student Minister; Devi Pierce, Board President; Jill Sampson, Board Vice President; Kathy Thackeray, Ron Zorn, Debra Gilbert, and Jill Sherman. During the transitional time prior to the arrival of an interim minister, these Transition Team members will support the congregation. Feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns you might have during that time.

If you need to reach us, please call the church's main phone number 502-585-5110 and leave a message. If you have a ministerial emergency and need to reach someone on the transition team outside of regular church office hours, please leave a voice mail at 502-262-7470 and someone will return your call.

**ZOOM INTO FIRST U**

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:**

Service Coordinator: Trish Ramey

Worship Associate: Martin English

Chancel Decoration: Trish Packowski



November 6, 2016

**SPEAKERS:**

**TRISH AND DEL RAMEY**

*“Doom to you who legislate evil, who make laws that make misery for the poor, that rob my destitute people of dignity, exploiting defenseless widows, taking advantage of homeless children.”*

Isaiah 10:1-2

~ **GATHERING** ~

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Ethan McCollum
<b>Bell Sound</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	Kristi Drehmel
<b>Prelude</b>	Ethan
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	Martin English
<b>Opening Words</b>	Del Ramey
+ <b>Hymn</b>	<i>Oh, I Woke Up This Morning</i> #153

~ **AFFIRMING** ~

<b>Declaration</b> ( <i>unison</i> )	Kristi
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.	
<b>Transitional Moment</b>	Devi Pierce
<b>Joys and Sorrows</b> ( <i>unison</i> )	Trish Ramey
When I breathe in, I breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I breathe out love.	
<b>Moment of Prayer and Meditation</b>	Trish
<b>Sung Response</b> ( <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.	
<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>	Kristi
<i>With gratitude for the abundance in our lives, we give to the life of this congregation and to the life of the surrounding community.</i>	
<b>Offertory</b>	Ethan

~ **EXPLORING** ~

<b>Moment for All Ages</b>	<i>Kid President: How to Change the World</i>	video
<b>Song for the Children</b>	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.	
<b>Litany</b>	<i>A Call to Justice</i>	
One: We have heard the prophets' call to justice and we know our Constitution's goal of a more perfect union.		
<b>All: We reach back to the sacred texts that affirm life, love, and justice.</b>		
One: "This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood." (Jeremiah 22:3)		
<b>All: We affirm the prophets and proclaim,</b>		
One: "Doom to you who legislate evil, who make laws that make misery for the poor, that rob my destitute people of dignity, exploiting defenseless widows, taking advantage of homeless children." (Isaiah 10:1-2)		
<b>All: We hear the cries of the people from the New Testament,</b>		
One: "All the workers you've exploited and cheated cry out for judgment. The groans of the workers you used and abused are a roar in the ears of God." (James 5:4)		
<b>All: We uphold dignity and respect for all from the Qu'ran,</b>		
One: "The believers, both men and women, are responsible for one another: all must join the doing of what is right, and forbid the doing of what is wrong" (Qu'ran 9:71)		
<b>All: And we will not rest in our quest for freedom until it comes as is affirmed in the Bhagavad Gita,</b>		
One: "For the protection of the virtuous, for the extirpation of the evil-doers, and for establishing Dharma, righteousness, on a firm footing, I am born from age to age." (Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 4: 7-8)		
<b>All: We, as Unitarian Universalists, believe this to be true: Every person has inherent worth and dignity, and no one can take this away.</b>		

One: We have the right to life, to liberty and to the pursuit of happiness.

**All: We believe that the power of our governments derives from us, the people, for the purpose of providing for the general welfare and protecting our human rights.**

One: We believe in the values of democracy we were taught, so we cannot accept our democracy's feeble state.

**All: We cannot accept voter suppression and intimidation that target people of color and the poor.**

One: We cannot accept demagoguery and fear-mongering that demonize and divide.

**All: We cannot accept that 45 million are poor in the richest country in history, or that 1 in 5 children are food insecure.**

One: We cannot accept wages that don't provide for a decent life, or the suppression of workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively.

**All: We cannot accept segregation and inequality in our public schools, or the attempts to privatize and profit-ize them.**

One: We cannot accept that 29 million Americans don't have health insurance, including more than 4 million denied Medicaid expansion by their state.

**All: We cannot accept inaction in the face of climate change and its disproportionate impact on impoverished communities.**

One: We cannot accept that 1 in 3 Black men born today can expect to spend time in prison, nor that our country holds one quarter of the world's prisoners but only 1/20 its population.

**All: We cannot accept endless war, which spends lives and resources only to destroy lives and resources.**

One: We cannot accept attacks on our neighbors: immigrants, religious minorities, people of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer folks, the disabled, or the poor.

**All: We cannot accept the way things are because we have been given a moral vision of how things ought to be.**

One: We are here to summon the better angels of our nature and press together toward higher ground.

**All: Forward together, Not one step back!**

## Sung Prayer

## One More Step

One more step, let us take one more step,  
Til there is justice now for ev'ryone, let's take one more step.  
One more word, let us say one more word.  
Til ev'ry word is heard by ev'ryone, let's say one more word.  
One more song, let us sing one more song,  
Til ev'ry song is sung by ev'ryone, let's sing one more song.  
One more prayer, let us say one more prayer,  
*Til ev'ry prayer is shared by ev'ryone, let's say one more prayer.*

## Sermon

*Revival: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values* Trish and Del

## ~ RETURNING ~

## + Hymn

*We Would Be One*

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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

Trish

## 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. 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.