

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 Coordinator: Christe Lunsford

Worship Associate: Pam Middleton

Chancel Decoration: Bev Daly



November 19, 2017

**SPEAKER:
CHRISTE
LUNSFORD**

**BELOVED
CONVERSATION**

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

First U Choir
Ethan McCollum, Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Brittany Blau

Chalice Lighting

Pam Middleton

~ AFFIRMING ~

Covenant

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

Special Music

Swimming to the Other Side

Solstice Singers

Moment for All Ages

Guest at Your Table

Linette Lowe

Reading

Homily 1

Hymn

One More Step

Projected Lyrics

Invitation to Generosity

Brittany

*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

Reading

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)

Homily 2

Hymn

One More Step

Projected Lyrics

Calling of the Names

Hymn

Sleep, My Child

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Reading

Special Music

Homily 3

Invitation to Beloved Conversations

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.

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

Mission *(unison)*

We are a church of reason and spirit
that witnesses for progressive faith,
Nurtures our community and transforms our world.

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.

Postlude

Make Them Hear You
from *Ragtime*, the musical

Brytner

+ *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.

First U Family Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23 at 2:00 pm

We will have a warm space with plenty of food for any and all of you, your friends and family, and any who don't want to be alone on Thanksgiving. All you need to bring is a dish and some time to pitch in and make it happen. This is a low-key and friendly event.

Please RSVP if you can, to Trish Ramey and let her know you're coming and what you can bring. (tramey@alum.bu.edu) The Rameys will provide the turkey, cornbread stuffing, and a pie or two.

Everyone else will help with the other dishes, more pies (we hope) and the cleanup. Many hands make light work and many cooks make a feast! Bring a dish and your favorite libations, then enjoy a meal with friends. More details will be shared closer to Thanksgiving. Everyone welcome!

Join Us Next Week: Sunday, November 26

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Play as a Spiritual Practice”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Once we leave childhood, many of us mostly stop playing (and when we do play, we may feel guilty about it, as if we are wasting time). But the need to play does not end with childhood, and important spiritual growth happens when we play.

Religious Exploration Sundays 9:45-10:45

Classes Meeting November 26

See Class Descriptions at firstulou.org/cre (children) and 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

Yoga Bring a mat if you have one. Room 205

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

Happening TODAY: November 19

Choir for All Ages Chalica is coming, Chalica is coming! And that means Choir for All Ages is rehearsing! ONE TIME ONLY this Sunday immediately following the service in the sanctuary. Come sing *Can't Stop the Feeling* with us! It's a fun, low pressure way to sing with lots of cool people, younger and older. No previous experience required! See you there.

Come celebrate our 4th-6th Grade OWLies! There will be cake and recognition of our newest OWL graduates after the service this Sunday, Nov. 19, in the Social Hall.

Sign Cards and wish our "Members to be Remembered" a happy Thanksgiving. See Gary Drehmel.

Guest at Your Table is an annual collection for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which works to advance human rights around the world. Each year we distribute boxes and information on the Sunday before Thanksgiving for folks to take home. We hope that you will feed the Guest at Your Table box regularly between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve (or before if you will be out of town), when we return the boxes. Every little bit helps support our partners around the world!

Women's Alliance Pie Sale PIE!! You NEED these for the Holidays! Mostly home-made and all delicious. We will start selling pies after the service, at about noon in the social hall. NO early sales - we sold out before we opened a few years ago, and that is just too disappointing. All proceeds benefit the Central Louisville Community Ministries.

Calling All Santa's Helpers! Play Santa's Helper and "adopt" a family or child by providing a toy and clothing gift for the holiday season. We'll also be collecting gift cards, in any amount, to be given to the families. There's more information after the FYI.

Overflow Book Sale Used Books Looking for a Home – Check them out and see how many follow you home! Books will be available November 19 and 26. See after the FYI for more information.

Poinsettias for Vespers Poinsettias can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone, a group, or a special event. See after the FYI for more information. Deadline to order is Wednesday December 6.

FYI

Calling All Younger Musicians! Each year for Chalica, our young talent shares their musical gifts with us by playing during the service. Please let Linette know by Nov. 22 at dre@firstulou.org if you would like your young musician to play on December 3. All ability levels welcome!

Suzi Schuhmann's memorial service will be held at First Unitarian Church on December 6, 2017, which would have been her 80th birthday, at 12:00. A light reception will follow. Please plan to join us to celebrate Suzi's life.

Reception Food Request Finger foods such as small sweets, fruit, sandwiches, etc are needed for the reception after Suzi Schuhmann's memorial service December 6. Anyone wishing to participate in donating, preparing or serving food at the reception, please contact Lois Allen at loisjallen@gmail.com or call 502-935-3554.

Chalica Challenge November 26 will be Chalica Challenge kickoff day. Bags will be returned the following Sunday, December 3.

Black Lives Matter Vigil Second Sundays 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.

Overflow Book Sale November 19 and 26

The Library at First Unitarian (room 103), as I am sure you noticed, was overflowing with books. Finally the Aesthetics Team went through the books, rearranged the shelves with the books we decided to retain and now we are ready to sell what we are not keeping.

We will offer them to the congregation for a donation in the Social Hall. Most are non-fiction. Some were doubles and many were hard to let go but we don't have the space for all the books! Come and take a look during "Coffee Hour" after the Sunday Celebration of Life, in the Social Hall on November 19 and 26.

Calling All Santa's Helpers!
Holiday Assistance for Coleridge-Taylor Families
November 19 – December 10

During the upcoming holiday season, we are again reaching out to our neighbors at Coleridge-Taylor Montessori Elementary School, located at 1115 W. Chestnut Street. Coleridge-Taylor's student population is a mix of children from all parts of the Louisville metro area who are in preschool through grade five. More than 500 students are eligible for free or reduced lunch prices due to low family income.

If you would like to play Santa's Helper and "adopt" a family or child by providing a toy and clothing gift for the holiday season, we will begin assigning students to their "Secret Santa" after church on Sunday, November 19. Gifts may be returned to church by Sunday, December 10 for delivery to Coleridge-Taylor. We'll also be collecting gift cards, in any amount, to be given to the families. Contact Mary Ballard with any questions: ballardmb2@bellsouth.net or (502)594-9347. Thanks!

Poinsettias
November 19, 26, and December 3

It is the First Unitarian Tradition to decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Vespers Worship Service. The Aesthetics Team does this with your help. We offer you the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia(s) to honor someone, some event, or give thanks to someone or some group. Your words will be printed in the Christmas Eve Vespers Order of Service. After the service, you may take your poinsettia(s) home with you.

Orders may be placed at First U from November 19th until December 6th. Come see one of us at our Poinsettia Info Table in the Social Hall on Sunday (November 19th, 26th and December 3rd). You may also order any time you are at First U by completing and placing the form (next to the box) and your check or cash into this poinsettia box on the counter of the volunteer area. Make the check out to First Unitarian Church. or you may mail your order and exact wording you would like in the Vespers Order of Service with a check (made out to First Unitarian Church) for \$15.00 for each poinsettia, Mail it to Barbara Creasy, Office Administrator, First Unitarian Church. 809 S. Fourth St. Louisville, KY 40203.

Please note that all orders must be received by December 6 to be mentioned in the Vespers order of service. Thank you.

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 and RE Assistant
Michael Purintun, Bookkeeper	Vantreasea Jones, Custodian
Brytner Evangelista, Accompanist	

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. Click on the “Worship” tab. Then select “Livestreaming our Sunday Service” and follow the directions. You can also go to firstulou.org/online-service. Enjoy the service