

First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

(502) 585-5110

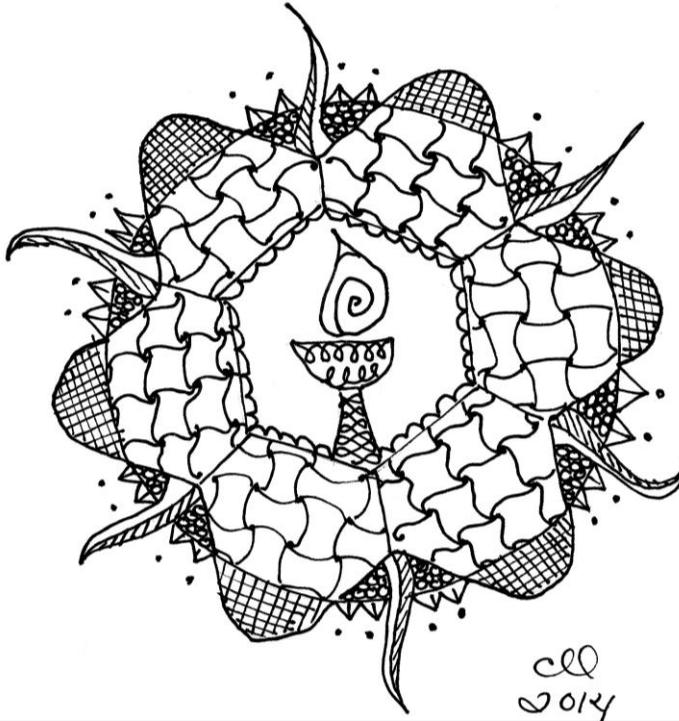
www.firstulou.org

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

Service Coordinator: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Kathy Thackeray

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Thackeray



November 26, 2017

**PLAY AS A
SPIRITUAL PRACTICE**
SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Clare Gervasi

Prelude

Ethan

Chalice Lighting

Lucy Hickerson

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

#1007

~ 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

Clare

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 ~

Moment for All Ages

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)

Sermon

Play as a Spiritual Practice

Rev. Kathy

+ Hymn

Let It Be a Dance

#311

~ 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, December 3

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“Chalica - Healing”

Speaker: Linette Lowe

Each year we celebrate the uniquely Unitarian Universalist holiday of Chalica during the first week of December, and we begin our celebration with a Chalica service the first Sunday of the month. Chalica celebrates our Seven Principles, one each day of the week, and encourages us to find ways in our daily lives to live out our Principles. Our RE classes will each share a Principle with us during the service, and there will be special music from the Choir for All Ages, the First U Choir, and student musicians. It's also the day we receive our Chalica Challenge bags, so don't miss it!

Religious Exploration Sundays 9:45-10:45

Classes Meeting December 3

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

Unconditional Parenting Room 203

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

FYI

Suzi Schuhmann's memorial service will be held here on Wednesday, 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. 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.

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!

Calling All Santa's Helpers!
Holiday Assistance for Coleridge-Taylor Families
Bring Your Gifts by 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 for Vespers – Deadline December 6

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. Come see one of us at our Poinsettia Info Table in the Social Hall.



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.