

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: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Worship Associate: Barbra Justice

Chancel Decoration: Millie Peters



November 5, 2017

BREATHING TOGETHER

SPEAKER: REV. DR. KATHY HURT

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music

Brytner Evangelista

Bell Sound

Welcome

Clare Gervasi

Prelude

Brytner

Chalice Lighting

Barbra Justice

Call to Worship

Rev. Kathy Hurt

+ **Hymn**

Lean On Me

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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

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

Brytner

~ EXPLORING ~

Moment for All Ages

Rev. Kathy

Sermon

Breathing Together

Rev. Kathy

+ Hymn

We Are...

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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

Brytner

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, November 12

Celebration of Life 11:00 am

“I'm Praying for You”
Speaker: Rev. Kathy Hurt

Prayer can be a way of caring for the soul, though prayer is a problematic practice for many Unitarian Universalists. This service considers ways of understanding what it might mean to include others in a practice of prayer. Music will be shared by the First U Choir.

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

Religious Exploration Sundays 9:45-10:45

Classes Meeting November 12

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

Nursery care is available 9:30-12:00. Room 214.

One Room Schoolhouse On the second Sunday of each month, children of all ages meet to learn about the monthly ministry theme. November's theme is “caring for the soul.” Room 205

Law of Attraction Room 203

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Room 101--Parlor

Faith Like a River: Themes from Unitarian Universalist History Room 103--Library.

Coffee and Social Justice Social Hall.

Join us next Sunday, November 12: Black Lives Matter Vigil

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.

FYI

UNICEF Wow! Through the generosity of the congregation (lots of change jars were emptied, it appears!), we raised \$320 for UNICEF on Sunday! That's 832 doses of measles vaccine, or providing 21 children with clean drinking water for a year, or providing 224 children with lifesaving nutrition for a day. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of children around the world. And it's not too late to increase our donation--turn any additional monies in marked for UNICEF by Sunday November 5.

Shhhh.... It's a secret: Special Guest Attends Brownbaggers! Kevin Gibson, author of *Secret Louisville: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure* has re-scheduled his visit with the Brownbaggers to Monday, November 13 at 11:45 in the church library. Come bring a lunch and join us and you'll be in the know!

Save the Dates:

November

- 19 Guest at Your Table
- 19 Choir for All Ages – the only rehearsal!
- 19 Poinsettias for Vespers go on sale
- 19 Women's Alliance Pie Sale
- 19 Santa's Helpers Names (hopefully) available
- 23 First U Family Thanksgiving
- 26 Chalica Challenge Begins

December

- 3 Chalica Begins

First U Family Thanksgiving 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!

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 Purinton, 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!