

~ 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](tel: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.
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

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

Service Coordinator: Linette Lowe

Worship Associate: Jane Buckley

Chancel Decoration: Linette Lowe



Happy Chalice!

December 4, 2016

CHALICA: COMMUNION

SPEAKERS: LINETTE LOWE

AND THE RE CLASSES

~ **GATHERING** ~

Gathering Music

Ethan McCollum

Bell Sound

Welcome

Kristi Drehmel

Capital Campaign

Preludes

Suzy Snowflake

Priscilla Hunt Walston

Jaymeson Dolen

Chalice Lighting

Sprouts Nursery

Each person is important

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Fairhead

+ **Hymn**

I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up

Choir for All Ages

~ **AFFIRMING** ~

Mission *(unison)*

Christe Lunsford

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

Covenant *(unison)*

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

Kristi

*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

*Jingle Bell Rock
We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

Curtis Van Rooy

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Be kind in all you do.

Explorers P-1

We're free to learn together.

The Garden

And search for what is true.

Seekers 2-4

All people need a voice.

Spirit in Practice

Build a fair and peaceful world.

Jedi Academy 5-8

We care for earth's lifeboat. *Blue Boat Home #1064*

All

A Chalica Challenge

Linette

~ **RETURNING** ~

Special Music

Lean on Me

Choir for All Ages

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

Linette

Postlude

Ode to Joy

Madeline and Dale Sherman

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*

Capital Campaign Celebration

Through your generosity we are ready to fully repay our endowment loan. Join us as we gather for a celebratory luncheon after the Celebration of Life.