

~ *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/stepletalk>

**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 FIRSTU**

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:

Go to the website [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org).

Click on the “Where Are We” tab

Click on “Livestreaming our Sunday Service”

Follow the directions. Enjoy the service!

# First Unitarian Church of Louisville

~ A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ~

(502) 585-5110

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

Service Coordinator: Christe Lunsford



## A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual

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December 18, 2016

## A REFLECTION OF WINTER SOLSTICE

*BY JULIE FOREST MIDDLETON AND STASA MORGAN-APPEL*



<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Round and Round</i>	Solstice Singers
<b>Bell Sound</b>		
<b>Welcoming and Transitional Moment</b>		Devi Pierce
<b>Chalice Challenge</b>		Linette Lowe
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Keep the Fire</i>	Solstice Singers
<b>The Four Directions and Chalice Lighting</b>		
<b>Joys and Sorrows</b> ( <i>unison</i> )		
	When I breathe in, I breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I breathe out love.	
<b>Reading</b>		Christe Lunsford
<b>Meditative Moment</b>	<i>Benedicta Es</i>	Solstice Singers
<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>		Devi
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Kore Evohe</i>	Solstice Singers
<b>Song for the Children</b>		
	Go in love, our hearts go with you. Go in joy, our hopes do too. Learn in love and grow in wisdom. Shine your light in all you do.	
<b>Homily</b>	<i>Reflections of Winter Solstice</i>	Christe
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Congregation and Choir
	This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. ( <i>3 times</i> ) Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.	
<b>Closing Words</b>		Lisa Willner
<b>Song</b>	<i>Carry It Home</i>	Solstice Singers
<b>Extinguishing the Four Directions and the Chalice</b> ( <i>unison</i> )		
	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.	
<b>Benediction</b>	<i>Let the Spirit Come to You</i>	Tiffany Taylor

~ **Members of the Solstice Singers** ~

Brittany Blau	Christe Lunsford
danielle rogers-candee	Lisa Willner
Kat Joyner	Linette Lowe
Tiffany Taylor	

**Join us TONIGHT at 7 pm for  
A WINTER SOLSTICE SINGING RITUAL\***

First Unitarian Church Sanctuary  
\$10 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't)

**Featuring The Solstice Singers, led by Christe Lunsford**

*"Deep in the dark of the Longest Night ..."*

The 11 am service at the church is Unitarian Universalist, featuring some songs, and some stories from the Ritual. For the powerful effect of the complete Ritual, plan also to attend tonight at 7:00. Your soul will thank you.

Join us for a complimentary reception, hosted by CUUPs, the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, *in the Social Hall following the Evening Ritual.*

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**Infant and Toddler Care** We know there are times when you might need to step out of the service with your child. The service is piped in to the library (the door by the organ) so you don't have to miss what is going on. Nursery care is available in room 214.

**Busy Bags** are available for Children to enjoy while in the sanctuary on the Usher Table as you enter or ask an Usher.

**Children's Celebration** Children ages Preschool - 3rd Grade will be invited to attend the Children's Celebration in room 212/213. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Postlude.