

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.

Church Newsletter <http://www.firstulou.org/steepletalk>

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

Linette Lowe, Dir. Religious Exploration Christe Lunsford, Student Minister
and Transition Team Leader

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
Michael Purinton, Bookkeeper	and RE Assistant

TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS

Linette Lowe, Transition Team Leader	Christe Lunsford, Student Minister
Devi Pierce, Board President	Jill Sampson, Board Vice President
Kathy Thackeray	Ron Zorn
Debra Gilbert	Jill Sherman

Feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns you might have during this transitional time. 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 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 “Where Are We” tab. Click on “Livestreaming our Sunday Service” and follow the directions. 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: Brian Daly

Worship Associate: Martin English

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Kremer



February 19, 2017

A STUDY IN GENEROSITY

SPEAKER: DEVI PIERCE

~ GATHERING ~

Gathering Music	Ethan McCollum
Bell Sound	
Welcome	Devi Pierce
Transitional Moment	Kathy Thackeray
Prelude	
Chalice Lighting	Martin English
Call to Worship	Devi Pierce
+ Hymn	<i>From You I Receive</i> #402

~ AFFIRMING ~

Declaration (*unison*) Christe Lunsford

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

Devi

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

~ **EXPLORING** ~

Moment for All Ages

Marvelous Superheroes

Devi

Song for the Children

Go in love, our hearts go with you.
Go in joy, our hopes go too.
Learn in love, and grow in wisdom.
Shine your light in all you do.

Sermon

A Study in Generosity

Devi

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn**

We Would Be One

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Extinguishing the Chalice (*unison*)

Christe

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

Devi

Postlude

Siciliano by Bach

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*

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"**Busy Bags**" are available on the Usher Table or ask an Usher.