



# 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: Linette Lowe

Worship Associate: Cassandra Culin

Chancel Decoration: Kathy Kremer



February 26, 2017

## GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT

SPEAKER: LINETTE LOWE

## ~ GATHERING ~

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Brytner Evangelista
<b>Bell Sound</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	Nancy MacPherson
<b>Prelude</b>	Brytner
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	Cassandra Culin
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Linette Lowe
<b>+ Hymn</b>	<i>Here We Have Gathered</i> #360

## ~ 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**

Nancy

*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**

*The Size of Your Heart*

First U Choir

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Moment for All Ages**

*The Gift of a Gemstone*

Cassandra

**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**

*Generosity of Spirit*

Linette

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn**

*For all That is Our Life*

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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**

Linette

**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.