

# **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:

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July 16, 2017

## **THE PROMISE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM: MY LIFE MATTERS SPEAKER: CONNIE SIMON**

## ~ GATHERING ~

**Gathering Music**

Brytner Evangelista

**Bell Sound**

**Welcome**

Nancy MacPherson

**Prelude**

Brytner

**Chalice Lighting**

Lucy Hickerson

**Call to Worship**

+ **Hymn**

*I Know I Can*

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## ~ 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*)

Christe

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**

Brytner

~ **EXPLORING** ~

**Moment for All Ages**

**Song for the Children**

Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land where I' m bound. (x2)

There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (x2)

**Reading**

Christe

**Sermon**

Connie Simon

~ **RETURNING** ~

+ **Hymn**

*Building A New Way*

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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**

**Postlude**

Brytner

**Benediction** (*unison*)

Christe

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: July 23**  
**Celebration of Life 11:00 am**

*“This I Believe: My Spiritual Journey”*

Members of the First Unitarian congregation will give short talks about their personal spiritual journeys.

Speakers include: Brian Daly, Linda Berry, Christopher Lee, Myrrandha Arkaen, Nancy MacPherson, Timothy Queen, Barbra Justice, Clare Zigner, Millie Peters, Clare Gervasi, and Maureen Taylor



**Religious Exploration Sundays 9:45-10:45**

**Nursery** Infants and toddlers will be engaged with an age-appropriate chalice lighting, story, activity, snack & play time each week. Room 214

**Children Preschool through Middle School** will enjoy an all-ages curriculum developed by one of our own youth a few years back based on the seven UU principles. We'll have a story, activity stations, and learn about an important UU from history each week.

**Adult RE Classes** by popular demand, we will be offering Jedi Academy for Adults. This is a class focused on using the Force for good through mindfulness training. You don't need to know or love Star Wars to participate, but light sabers are welcome! Coffee and Social Justice will also be offered.

## FYI

**Fresh Stop Market** Next Delivery: Wednesday, July 19; Orders due 7/14/ Order by July 28 for August 2 delivery. Stop by the Fresh Stop table in the social hall after the service on Sundays to place an order, ask questions, or just to say hi. For information about ordering, volunteering, or anything else, please contact New Roots at [www.newroots.org](http://www.newroots.org) or 502-509-6770, or Barbra Justice at or 502-234-0607 or [velma2720@yahoo.com](mailto:velma2720@yahoo.com). Share prices are income based, and EBT is accepted

The **CLCM Personal Care Closet** is 100% out of shampoo, deodorant and razors. If you are able to shop for these items, please bring them and place them in the collection hamper at the entrance to the kitchen.

**First U Justice Broadsheet** Words without Action are not enough. Mission and Outreach Ministry invites you to sign up for the Social Justice Broadsheet email with actions you can participate in. Contact Del at [del.ramey@ieee.org](mailto:del.ramey@ieee.org)

**John Gage** First Unitarian will be honored to welcome back an old friend, John Gage. He will lead us through his spiritual journey in song in the 11 am Celebration of Life on Sunday July 30. If you are new to Louisville or First U, you may need a little introduction to John. He is a singer/songwriter in the folk/country/blues tradition whose music touches the heart with spiritual content that strives to connect us all to our deeper selves, each other and creation. He is executive producer and host of the "*Kentucky Homefront*" radio show on Louisville's public radio station WFPK-FM. John is also a participating artist in the "Arts in Healing" initiative through the Kentucky Center for the Arts. His latest recording, "*Just Between You and Me*", featuring 10 original songs is available online.

### Supplies for RE

Hi Folks! As we prepare for our fall Explorations, we find that we will need some specific supplies not currently in our supply closet. If you have any of the following, please drop them off at church outside the DRE office upstairs.

Shoe boxes (smallish), Buttons (larger are better), Paper grocery bags (minimal printing preferred), Socks for sock puppets, Hats representing different careers, Beanie Babies, Film containers or small pill bottles without labels, Sporting magazines, Sports sections of newspapers, Broken or obsolete machines to take apart, Beanbags for tossing/juggling, Altoid mint tins, Interesting beads, Currency from different nations (can loan to be returned), Tarnished pennies.

Thanks for your help! Linette Lowe

This event is a relaunch of Genesis Arts, which was created by a former First U member, Dolores White. Proceeds from this event will go toward funding West Louisville arts programming and family-friendly performances. Portia White is the daughter of Dolores White.

### **Portia White Presents: Journey**

A stage reading of Dolores White's "*So The Journey Begins*"

Saturday, July 22 at 7pm

Ursuline Arts Center, 3114 Lexington Road

Journey colorfully chronicles White's experiences and pays homage to the struggles, triumphs and joy that mold her. Hosted by Dolores' granddaughter, Sara Muhammad, with guest performances by AMPED, Destined Dance, Company, Jordan Mosby, Stephen Beasley and more.

Tickets are \$35/\$50/\$65 and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com/e/genesis-arts-presents-journey-a-stage-reading-tickets-34813621479](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/genesis-arts-presents-journey-a-stage-reading-tickets-34813621479) or call Portia White at 502-619-4109.

The Board is pleased to announce  
First Unitarian has contracted an Interim Minister

### **Reverend Kathy Hurt**

Rev. Kathy Hurt has been a transitional and developmental minister in several churches over her 30-year career in ministry. She grew up in Texas and life has taken her to California, Michigan, Ohio, and Minnesota. She's a Meadville Lombard Seminary graduate and was ordained by Unity Church - Unitarian in St. Paul. She started out in Minnesota helping churches do the transition work of preparing for new ministers.

Over her long career, she's seen it all. Growing churches, fellowships exploring how to hire their first full time minister, even one church in Ohio that was liberal Baptist exploring converting to our Unitarian Universalist denomination. In between her years of formal ministry, she ran her own community ministry business, did work with women and children and at risk youth and got a masters degree in counseling. Most recently she's been the Senior Minister at Birmingham Unitarian Church in Michigan where she is finishing out the church year before coming here to settle in for the next two years.

**Our first Sunday** with Rev. Hurt will be August 6th, where we will welcome her with cake and fellowship, so mark your calendars and plan on being here as she introduces herself to us and join us for a celebration after that service.

## Women's Alliance Grant Opportunity

Dear Women's Alliance Members:

As a reminder, it's time to apply for a Women's Alliance grant. With this grant, you have the opportunity to make a difference for women and children both in our community and in our world.

Do you have a favorite idea or organization that could benefit from a one-time grant from the Women's Alliance? Think of an organization at First Unitarian, in the Louisville Metro area, or an international agency whose work you admire.

Grants can be for any project serving women and/or children at First U, in our local community, or anywhere in the world. This may be your chance to support its cause with a one-time grant of \$600.

For example, in the past, members submitted applications to fund:

- Upgrading the nursery here at First U
- A gift to a children's center
- Alliance-related trips
- financial assistance for women seeking abortions
- support a micro-lending organization for women
- donate to the First U travel fund for youth
- provide a stipend for Alliance members attending its Hopscotch retreat
- AIDS orphanage in Kenya
- A group that helps at-risk girls turn their lives around
- a program to provide children with books to tackle illiteracy in low-income schools
- an organization in Guatemala City to bring hope, education, and opportunity to children living in poverty

*Choose to make a difference!*

*Making a difference is what the Women's Alliance is all about.*

Get an application by either contacting Lois Allen at [502-935-3554](tel:502-935-3554) or [loisjeanallen@gmail.com](mailto:loisjeanallen@gmail.com) or picking one up in the volunteer area. The deadline is Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

PS: Not a Women's Alliance member? You can join now! Dues are \$10. See Jane Martin Buckley or Kathy Gapsis for more information. Thanks!

