



We Rest in this Love with Rev. Kim Mason
June 2nd, 2024
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl Annette Peterson

Welcome and Announcements Annette Peterson

Prelude *Here Comes the Sun* by George Harrison

Call to Worship *Arrive & Rest* by Shari Woodbury Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #65 The Sweet June Days

*The sweet June days are come again; once more the glad earth
yields
its golden wealth of rip'ning grain, and breath of clover fields,
and deep'ning shade of summer woods, and glow of summer air,
and winging thoughts and happy moods of love and joy and prayer.*

*The sweet June days are come again; the birds are on the wing;
bright anthems, in their merry strain, unconsciously they sing.
Oh, how our cup o'er brims with good these happy summer days;
for all the joys of field and wood we lift our song of praise.*

Chalice Lighting Annette Peterson

Sung Response #362 Rise Up, O Flame

*Rise up, O flame,
by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty,
vision, and joy.*

Story For All Ages *Time to Recharge, Harper!* by Kelly Leigh Miller Danielle Kozemczak

New Member Ceremony Rev. Kim Mason

Congregational Response: We receive you with open hands and hearts. As you join us, we once again renew our own commitment to this religious community. We are proud and happy to have you among us. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Joys and Concerns Rev. Kim Mason

<https://forms.gle/3rz3tdj8eR8dqEbN7>

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response: There is a Love

*There is a love holding me.
There is a love holding all that I love.
There is a love holding all.
I rest in this love.*

*There is a love holding us.
There is a love holding all that we love.
There is a love holding all.
We rest in this love.*

Reading

The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

Annette Peterson

Call for the Offering

Rev. Kim Mason

Use the Online Giving QR Code on your pew QR codes card to make an online offering

Offertory

Vienna by Billy Joel

Gratitude

Rev. Kim Mason

Reading

from Rest is Resistance by Trisha Hersey

Annette Peterson

Sermon

We Rest in this Love

Rev. Kim Mason

Litany

Sabbath Rest by Dan Lambert

Rev. Kim Mason

Response: *We need a time of sabbath rest.*

Closing Hymn #352 Find a Stillness

*Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.*

*Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.*

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice

Annette Peterson

Postlude

59th Street Bridge Song by Paul Simon

This morning's flowers are given in memory of Kimberley Parks.

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Sheryll Coulter and Gary Parks
Greeters: Kathy Wire
A/V Assistant: Tom Finan

Music Notes: Music this morning is performed by Greg Hoeltzel and Caitlin Hill

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Welcome to this religious community
where we affirm the dignity, worth, and freedom
of all who enter our doors.

Here we seek to live together in relationship and respect so that we may embrace and celebrate our differences. Understanding that we need not think alike to love alike, our religious values invite us to a shared journey of truth and meaning. Sincerity and connection guide our religious community, and call us into deeper association with ourselves and our world.

We welcome people of all ages, races, classes, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities. First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is a *Welcoming Congregation* committed to the inclusion of LGBTQIAA+ individuals, families and communities in the life of our congregation. We are a *Green Sanctuary Church*, committed to sustainable practices and ethical consumption on our building and ground.

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Weekly E-News from First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

Worship Service

Sunday, June 2nd 2024

We Rest in this Love with Rev. Kim Mason

Our theme for the month of June is Renewal. How do we use rest to renew our bodies and minds in a culture of constant engagement? We'll also celebrate all new members who've joined since August.

Online Order of Service (<https://tinyurl.com/325aapyw>)

Watch this Service on YouTube! (<https://youtube.com/live/NS0bCPft7IY>)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81842582434?pwd=dThVUXR1clhTMVBFbmRYa0l3OVlKZz09>)

**** This Sunday After Service**

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Welcoming Congregations (Clark Room)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm New Member Luncheon (Chapel)

11:30 am to 1:00 pm Partner Church Committee (C1 and online)

**** This Week at First UU STL**

Monday June 3, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Toward Justice (C1 & online)

Tuesday June 4, 2024

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Women's Alliance (online only)

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Executive Committee (online)

Thursday June 6, 2024

Facilities Committee (C1 & online) 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Covenant Group - Herzog 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday June 8, 2024

10:00 am to 11:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing (Kingshighway & Waterman)

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm George Grimm-Howell Ordination (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

Sunday June 9, 2024

10:00 am to 11:00 am Worship Service - In Person & Online

11:30 am to 1:00 pm Young Adult Covenant Group (Youth Group Room)

11:30 am to 2:30 pm Area UU Church Picnic (Tower Grove Park - Turkish Pavillion)

Upcoming Services

June 2024 Theme: RENEWAL

Sunday June 9th Mind Over Monsters with Rev Kim Mason

Embracing the fullness of our humanity means talking honestly about mental health. We'll explore how faith communities can be part of the conversation to destigmatize mental illness.

Sunday June 16th Fathering with Rev Kim Mason

Sunday June 23rd Summer Solstice with ERDE

Sunday June 30th Here is the Church with Tom Finan

Ordination of George Grimm-Howell

Saturday June 8th 2pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8 to attend a joint ordination service offered by the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and the UU Church of Columbia. The service will be at 2 p.m. at First Unitarian in St. Louis and may be attended either in person or online. George is a long-time member of First Unitarian, a former intern minister at UUC, and currently serves the UU Fellowship of Jefferson City one Sunday a month. George was recently called by the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville, where he will start his work on August 1st.

Watch this Service Online! (<https://youtube.com/live/WB4ozshDyAY>)

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

*We send healing thoughts to the sister of **Susan Herzberg**, who was unexpectedly hospitalized this past week.*

Joys

*We celebrate with **Jane Hoeckelman**, whose son is recovering quite well from a serious accident*

As a church community, each of us is an integral part of the care and concerns network. SHARE a Joy or Concern with us by clicking the button below or email your joy or concern to careandconcern@firstuustlouis.org

Submit Joy or Concern Online

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfD14K3Xr8IF17IBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education This Sunday

RE programming for children and teens is not available over the summer. Children and teens are encouraged to attend service with their families. The nursery will be open for childcare. RE Programming will resume in the fall.

Story for All Ages: Time to Recharge, Harper! by Kelly Leigh Miller

Harper the robot does not like to re-charge his battery. His classroom is full of fun things to do, but he can't do any of them when he's all plugged in. So what's a busy bot to do? He soon finds out that everyone needs to take time to rest.

Church Events

New Member Luncheon (Chapel)

Sunday June 2nd 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Hosted by the membership committee, this is a chance to celebrate members who signed the book this past programming year. Invites were sent directly to new members.

All UU Picnic!

Tower Grove Park, Turkish Pavilion

Sunday, June 9th, 11:30 am

Join us for a gathering of all metro area UUs! There will be a Potluck lunch with games for all ages. If your last name starts with A-F please bring a side dish. G-L a salad dish. M-Q a main dish or casserole. R-Z a dessert. PLEASE LABEL INGREDIENTS FOR ALLERGENS

Cups, plates, silverware, ice and water provided.

If you have lawn games or chairs please bring them!

Church News

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

2023-2024 Annual Meeting Summary

May 19, 2024, in person and online via Zoom

Over sixty members gathered in the Sanctuary and online for this year's Annual Meeting on May 19, 2024. On behalf of the Policy Board, Chris Kocher presented Kathy Wire with the William W. Ross Award for institutional leadership and service to the church, our lifetime achievement award. Chris presented the Melanie and Anthony Fathman Award to Tom Finan for Tom's significant contribution to the church this year, recognizing Tom as this year's Most Valuable Player.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a congregational vote selecting Tabernacle Community Development Organization as our congregational social justice partner. The vote moves our year-and-a-half-long Active Hope Project forward into the implementation stage.

In a straw poll, a large majority also favored the proposed amendment to Article II of the UUA Bylaws, Purposes and Principles. This proposed change will be voted on during the UUA General Assembly in June. Our congregational vote is a nonbinding guide for First U's voting delegates to GA, who will hear more during the floor discussion.

We also elected new Policy Board and Church Council members for 2024-2025. We welcome our new President, Chuck Eby.

For more details, read Weaving our Future, the church's Annual Report 2024, for the agenda and reports from staff, board, committee, and cluster chairs. Respectfully submitted, Sidney Watson, Secretary

2024-25 Year Designated Collection Nominations Now Accepted

First Church has historically offered a Designated Collection Program as one way of evidencing our UU values in the community and supporting social justice. The program enables Members and Pledging Friends to nominate qualifying nonprofits and church committees or projects to receive all the proceeds of a Sunday plate collection. Nominations are reviewed by the Social Responsibility Committee (SRC) with consideration given to the fit between the nominee and First Church's mission and values, as well as the nonprofit's core focus, impact, and connection to our First Church community.

Selections are announced to the congregation in our Fall E-News and highlighted during service announcements throughout the year.

Nomination forms are easily completed on-line by clicking on the button below. If you need a paper copy of the form, please contact administrator, Lynn Hunt.

For consideration, all 2024-25 Year nominations must meet program criteria listed on the nomination form and be received by Sunday, July 14th.

Church policy for the Designated Collection Program is listed on the church's website under "Online Forms and Documents/File Cabinet." Questions about the program may be forwarded to:

src@firstuustlouis.org or addressed to our church administrator, Lynn Hunt, at lhunt@firstuustlouis.org.

Designated Collection Nomination Form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBNLjgmEsusJ1woGxf_oKyMwRU2MGR1ljz7ro79yPGPQ0Vvw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Women's Alliance Scholarship

The Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Announces its Scholarship Competition for the academic year 2024-2025

Initiated by a generous bequest from the estate of Edna Landzettel, a lifelong teacher and proponent of the importance of education in a woman's life, the scholarship will be given to a woman who is 21 years or older, responsible financially for continuing her education, a member or active friend of a Unitarian Universalist church or fellowship in the region and a registered student.

The award of \$3,000 will be made on the basis of scholarship, character and need. Materials due by Jul 31, 2024

To apply you can download a full packet of information

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/2024-2025%20WA%20Annual%20Scholarship%20packet.docx.pdf>) (including printable application and reference form).

Or Apply Online

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeltVq1lhRxakI1jqhKoLnqEWRqWcjUvkzBJQ9qW_bDzBvLYw/viewform?usp=sf_link) and submit the Online Reference Form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJeNWtsq3gpV-g7xgIDCQ8WpEtdJuq44DqBI dh_xZ5NpVzwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

UUA General Assembly

June 20-23 ONLINE ONLY

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A VOTING DELEGATE?

General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of members of the congregations that comprise the UUA. GA is a combination of workshops, worship services, informal gatherings and business sessions. This year, the entire assembly will be online!

Our congregation is entitled to five delegates who must be approved by the Policy Board. One of the main orders of business this year will be whether or not to ratify the proposed changes to Article II of the bylaws. If you are interested in being a delegate for our church please contact administrator Lynn Hunt (lhunt@firstuustlouis.org (<mailto:lhunt@firstuustlouis.org>)) by June 6th.

* More information about GA can be found HERE (<https://www.uua.org/ga>)

* Check out the Program Highlights (<https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights>)

* This year attending just the business sessions (as a voting delegate) you simply pay a donation General Assembly Registration (<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>)

* The Business Agenda this year includes voting on the revised Article II. See the full business agenda here: 2024 Final Agenda.pdf ([uua.org](https://www.uua.org/files/2024-05/2024%20Final%20Agenda.pdf))

(<https://www.uua.org/files/2024-05/2024%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>)

* See the full conference schedule here: Whova Agenda Webpage

(<https://whova.com/embedded/event/IxK5T9Wj%40Gnb4JliyDwcmw6owCMgHZRIm5IcsozQRc%3D/?refer=undefined&day=0>)

Community News

Metro East Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Summer Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8 pm, on Zoom

Meeting June 18, July 16 and August 20.

Our first book is *The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women's Rights* by Dorothy Wickenden. For the Zoom link contact Pastor Claudia at dr.claudia.hall@gmail.com (<mailto:dr.claudia.hall@gmail.com>)

Tabernacle Community Development Corporation

June 22nd 9am - 11am Beautification Day

The mission of Tabernacle Community Development Corporation is to assist communities by building people. The objective is to help eliminate poverty as well as social exclusion by improving the social, educational and economic infrastructure which will lead to self-sufficiency.

Established in 2014, TCDC was created with the vision to “Assist Communities by Building People”.

We are engaging in community revitalization in the Jeff-Vander-Lou, Fairgrounds, O’Fallon and Greater Ville neighborhoods. TCDC assists people in transforming their lives by providing proper housing options, employment resources and opportunities that will improve and enhance their quality of life.

Sign-Up to Volunteer (<https://tabdev.org/volunteer/>)

Pastoral Appointments

You can schedule pastoral appointments with Rev. Kim at your convenience. Click the button below and choose the date that works best for you - no account necessary.

Schedule an Appointment with Rev. Kim Mason (<https://calendly.com/kmason-7>)

Our Mission

We strive to be a welcoming congregation, inspiring lives of loving kindness and integrity by nurturing spirituality, building community, and advancing justice

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** Website (<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/>)

** YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstUnitarianSTL>)

** TikTok (<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT84oXuQM/>)

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