



Fathering
with Rev. Kim Mason
June 16th, 2024
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Tom Finan

Welcome and Announcements

Tom Finan

Prelude

Canzone by César Franck

Robert Chamberlin, organ

Call to Worship

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

Tom Finan

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

A Father's Day THANK YOU by Janet Nolan

Rev. Kim Mason

Children's Recessional #118 This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Reading

My Father's Things by Ken Nye

Tom Finan

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

Ombra Mai Fu

Kimberly Perry, soloist

Words by Nicolo Minato, Music by G.F. Handel

Gratitude

Rev. Kim Mason

Reflection

Tom Finan

Sermon

Fathering

Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn: Life Calls Us On

Here in the reverence we now gather

For the blessings we have known,

With a pledge to one another

That we journey not alone.

Joy and sorrow make us wise,

Kin to all that lives and dies;

Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us

Waken here to keep us strong;

Blend the voices in the chorus

Of creation's living song.

Courage bids us lift our eyes

*Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, Hope calls us on.*

*Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, Faith calls us on.*

*We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on, Life calls us on.*

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice

Tom Finan

Postlude

Fugue in d minor by Felix Mendelssohn

Robert Chamberlin, organ

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Rosemary and Stan Lawton
Greeters: Betty Neill and Chuck Eby
A/V Assistant: Pam Geppert

Music Notes

This morning we welcome **Robert (Bob) Chamberlain** as our guest organist. Bob Chamberlin is a member of Eliot Unitarian Chapel in St. Louis, MO. He is Professor Emeritus of Music Theory and Composition at Webster University. While at Webster University, Bob taught a variety of music courses and served as Director of Academic Advising and Director of Webster's London campus, An active member of the American Guild of Organists, Bob has served as principle and guest organist for a number of St. Louis area churches for more than 30 years. During his graduate studies at the University of Illinois in Carbondale, Bob was organist for the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship. Bob's compositions are for a variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles, as well as music for piano and organ. He has received commissions from numerous ensembles including the Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base, the Mid-America Dance Company, and the Gateway Ringers. Bob and his wife Jan live in Webster Groves.

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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 9th 2024

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.

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

Watch this Service on YouTube! (<https://youtube.com/live/yFc2H4aT-oU>)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

**** This Sunday After Service**

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)

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

Monday June 10, 2024

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Policy Board Meeting (online)

Tuesday June 11, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Personnel (online)

Saturday June 15, 2024

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

Sunday June 16, 2024

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

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Young Adult Group (Clark Room)

Upcoming Services

June 2024 Theme: RENEWAL

- Sunday June 16th Fathering with Rev Kim Mason
- Sunday June 23rd Rock out With the Sun Out: A Summer Solstice Service by 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 UUCC, 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

Joys

*Congratulations to **John and Laura Zacher** who just celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary.*

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrfikA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8lF17IBeY9tZgdzU_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: There's a Nightmare in My Closet, by Mercer Mayer

A little boy dreads the nightmare in his closet, even with the door closed all the way. One night he decides to confront the nightmare, only to find out it's not as scary as he thought.

Church Events

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!

RE Classrooms Furniture Move Out

Sunday, June 23rd After Service

RE Classrooms Furniture Move In

Sunday, June 30th After Service

All the classrooms in the church building will have the floors stripped and waxed the week of June 24th. We need to move furniture out on Sunday, June 23rd and back into the classrooms on Sunday, June 30th! Can you help???? Many hands will make this job go much faster! Please indicate below how you can help and many, many thanks. Sign-up online here or in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning.

Sign Up to Help!

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEYJkIIJgMM5tTozHm7rpf7_7Y9gVNMqF_DowtcLaDb5TPUQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Save the Date! Sunday, June 30th

STL Pride Parade, 11 AM Downtown

Break out your rainbow gear and join UUs from First Unitarian, Eliot Chapel and Emerson UU in the STL Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30th. The Parade will begin at 10th and Market and travel west on Market past Tucker to 15th Street. Welcoming Congregation members will arrive early for check in and set up. Look for more information about staging location soon.

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, July 28th

Trinity Hot Lunch Service Project

Our Central West End neighbor, Trinity Episcopal Church, operates an ongoing food ministry that includes a food pantry and a Sunday Hot Lunch program. On Sunday, July 28th, First Church members and friends can support the Hot Lunch program by preparing a meal for approximately 80 in our Fellowship Hall kitchen and transporting and serving it at Trinity.

Food prep begins at about 10:30 am and concludes at Trinity at 3 pm with clean up. Volunteer shifts are available throughout the morning and afternoon, permitting helpers to participate in a variety of ways. You can also support our effort by donating home-baked cookies. Volunteers may sign up by clicking the button below. For questions, email src@firstuustl.org.

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

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/Annual%20Report%202023.%202024.pdf>) , 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/1FAIpQLSeltVq1lhRxakI1jhqKoLnqEWRqWcjUvkzBJQ9qW_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) (<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](https://www.uua.org/files/2024-05/2024%20Final%20Agenda.pdf) ([uua.org](https://www.uua.org))

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* See the full conference schedule here: [Whova Agenda Webpage](https://whova.com/whova/Agenda)

(<https://whova.com/embedded/event/IxK5T9Wj%40Gnb4JliyjDwcmw6owCMgHZRIm5IcsozQRc%3D/?refer=undefined&day=0>)

UU Community News

For the Buried and the Unearthed: A UU Vigil for Gaza

Virtual Only - Sunday, June 9th

8:00 p.m. ET • 7:00 p.m. CT • 6:00 p.m. MT • 5:00 p.m. PT

Gather in response to Rafah, in solidarity, on Sunday, June 9th, for a vigil hosted by DRUUMM (the Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministry), Church of Larger Fellowship (CLF), and the UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME).

This vigil, open to all, is to honor the spiritual work toward ending the violence. The event will call for a permanent ceasefire and end to the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza, a release of all hostages/prisoners,

humanitarian aid, and an accountability process that is not rooted in revenge. Join in fellowship to grieve, rage, learn, and find solace together.

Organizers deeply honor the worth and dignity of all Palestinians and all Israelis.

RSVP to Receive Zoom Link

(<https://default.salsalabs.org/T72673e24-9319-4578-afb9-87f5a58594e2/83879d9e-2e09-4805-90ce-1b574e6eca41>)

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>)

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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