



Wild Imagination

Rev. Kim Mason

September 29th, 2024

Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl Annette Peterson

Welcome Annette Peterson

Prelude *Wie shoen leuchtet der Morgenstern* by Niels Gade Earl Naylor,
Organ

Call to Worship Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #299 Make Channels for Streams of Love

*Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run;
and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.*

*But if at any time we cease such channels to provide,
the very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried.*

*For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above;
we cease to give, we cease to have — such is the law of love.*

Lighting the Chalice Annette Peterson

Sung Response : Come Into the Flame

Come as we light this candle of memory.

Come as we light this candle of hope.

Come as we light this candle of reverence.

Come into the flame. Come into the flame.

Words and music by Tony Fathman

Story for All Ages *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak First Unitarian Church
Youth Group Members

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 & Concerns Rev. Kim Mason

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 *Remembering the Future* by Julian Jamaica Soto Annette Peterson

Call for the Offering Rev. Kim Mason
Text the dollar amount you wish to give to this number: 833-649-0088

Offertory *Imagine* Tom Finan

Gratitude Rev. Kim Mason

Reading from *On the Pulse of Morning* by Maya Angelou Annette Peterson

Sermon Wild Imagination Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn #146 Soon the Day Will Arrive

Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,

and no longer will we live in fear.

*And the children will smile without wondering whether
on that day thunderclouds will appear.*

(Chorus)

*Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.*

*Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.*

Some have dreamed, some have died to make a bright tomorrow,

and our vision remains in our hearts.

*Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in sorrow,
and a promise to make a new start.*

(Chorus)

Closing Words Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude *Toccata Quinta* by Girolamo Frescobaldi Earl Naylor, organ

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Gary Parks and Patrick Montgomery
Greeters: Kathy Wire and Grace Munie
A/V Assistant: Adam Lunter

Music Notes

Niels Wilhelm Gade (1817 –1890) was a Danish composer, conductor, violinist, organist and teacher. He is considered the most important Danish musician of his day. An important influence on a number of later Scandinavian composers, he encouraged and taught both Edvard Grieg and Carl Nielsen. Among Gade's works are eight symphonies, a violin concerto, chamber music, organ and piano pieces and a number of large-scale cantatas.

Girolamo Alessandro Frescobaldi (1583 –, 1643) was a musician from Ferrara, one of the most important composers of keyboard music in the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods. Girolamo Frescobaldi was appointed “organist” of St. Peter’s Basilica, a focal point of power for the Capella Giulia (a musical organization) from July 21, 1608 until 1628 and again from 1634 until his death. Frescobaldi's printed collections contain some of the most influential music of the 17th century. His work influenced Froberger, J. S. Bach, Purcell, and countless other major composers. Pieces from his celebrated collection of liturgical organ music, *Fiori Musicali*(1635), were used as models of strict counterpoint as late as the 19th century.

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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 grounds.

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

Worship Service

Sunday September 29th, 2024

Wild Imagination - Rev. Kim Mason

When we're children our imagination abounds, the future is wide with possibility. As we experience life, our vision of life becomes less malleable. This Sunday is your invitation to a year long process of imagination.

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/1E9TdWHZeTg>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

Worship Service starts at 10 AM. We've said that for years - yet we begin with announcements and announcements aren't worship! In recognition of this distinction, announcements will start before the service and end by 10 am when the service begins.

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

Sunday, September 29th, 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship Service (In person and online)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Membership Class (C1)

Tuesday October 1st, 2024

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

Wednesday October 2nd, 2024

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday October 3rd, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 - Call to Connection Class with Rev. Mason (C1 & online)

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

Saturday October 5th, 2024

9:00 am to 10:00 am - Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing (Kingshighway & Waterman)

Sunday October 6th, 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship Service (In person and online)

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

Upcoming Services

October 2024 Theme - Deep Listening

October 6th - Breaking the Either/Or Binary - Ro Kelly

October 13th - I Be-Lieve OR Project 2025 - Rev. Kim Mason

October 20th, 2024 - REflections: A Conversation on Religious Education - Rev. Kim Mason & Interim DRE Michele Grove

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Join us congratulating our partner church minister, **Noemi**, on the occasion of her passing the ministerial qualifying exam. Please sign any of the congratulations cards in Fellowship Hall.

Concerns

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Chuck Eby** who is home recovering from knee surgery.

Healing thoughts and prayers to **Mike Lunter** who had back surgery this week.

Condolences to **George Grimm-Howell** whose grandmother, Frances Leffler, passed away on Sept. 16th after 102 years of life.

Kevin Kellogg is home from the hospital after several tests. He appreciates phone calls.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfD14K3Xr81F17IBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education This Sunday for Children

This Sunday 9/29 10am-11am

Religious Education classes in Session this Sunday. Children begin in church and then will proceed to classes.

Nursery is open for younger children.

A Message from Interim Director of Religious Education - Michele Grove

Hello members and friends of First Unitarian Church of St. Louis!

Thank you all for such a warm welcome!

I am excited to be working with First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and hope I have the opportunity to meet you in person. As an interim religious educator, I will work with the religious education committee, religious education program, volunteers, Rev. Mason, the staff, and board to create a vibrant religious education future for children, youth and families.

To do this, we will celebrate the joys and gifts and honestly look at its challenges. We will also be innovative as we create a path forward. Once we have an honest and expansive picture of this congregation's religious education identity, we can dream a future that meets the needs of our children, youth, families and congregation.

This is a creative time! There are so many possibilities that are in front of us. The future of children and youth religious education includes all of you! Religious education does not happen in an isolated bubble. It is embedded in the identity of the congregation.

When the opportunity arises to share in the religious education storytelling and story listening, I hope you will join us. I will be in St. Louis twice during the year. My first visit will be October 17th to 21st and we hope to host several opportunities for conversation and storytelling. I look forward to meeting you then. And in addition to this visit, there will be several opportunities to join in this creative work.

Again, thank you for including me in your journey..

Michele Grove, Interim Religious Education Consultant mgrove@firstuustlouis.org

Church News & Events

A Call to Connection

Thursdays, October 3, 24, November 7, 21

6:30-8 pm, Online and In Person

Combining scientific research, stories of impact, and recommended practices to help foster deeper connections in our lives, this groundbreaking primer on the state of connection in our nation seeks to ignite a national conversation about why we need each other. Download the primer for free and join Rev. Kim for a 4 session discussion series:

<https://einhorncollaborative.org/call-to-connection/#a-call-to-connection>

[Sign-Up HERE](#)

Ushers Needed!

With a new church season upon us, we are in need of people to help with Sunday morning ushering. This is a great way to meet fellow members of the church and helps to create a welcoming atmosphere for our worship services. Please consider being a part of the usher team! Contact Lynn Hunt (Administrator) at lhunt@firstuustlouis.org or sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks!

Many Thanks to the Great Team who Currently Serve as Ushers

Would you like to help improve voter participation in our neighborhood?

The Social Justice group has four ways you can participate.

1. Write postcards encouraging voting. There is a sample you can use as a guide.. **You can do this in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after church September 22 & 29** OR there are packets of 10 you can write at home.
2. Decorate postcards. They are more likely to be read if they are colorful.
3. Apply return address stamps and postage stamps to postcards.
4. We have 6,000 names and addresses and are short on funds to make this happen . . . So you can donate plain 4" X 6" postcards. . . OR

You can donate postcard stamps for this effort.

Bring either to the postcard writing table in Fellowship Hall on the 8th or to the church office.

See us in Fellowship Hall after the service or contact the church office for more information.

Thanks for your support!

New Member Orientation

Sept. 29th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 17th

In person – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Facilitated by Members of the Membership Committee

Are you interested in becoming a member of First U? Want to learn more about the congregation and how to get involved? Want to get to know other people in the congregation? Then this 3 session orientation is for you! [Sign up online here](#) or on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join in.

Tabernacle Community Development Corporation empowers St. Louis communities by building people, eliminating poverty, and social exclusion, and improving the social, educational, and economic infrastructure - which leads to self-sufficiency.

An Evening of Hope continues the support for the amazing work TCDC engages in North City. Join us for a night of inspiring stories and learn about the progress TCDC has made!

5:00pm - Cocktails, Appetizers, Tours of The Hub and New Homes.

Attendance is Complimentary! Register here:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/CXo/>

text TCDC2024 to 76278

We hope to see you there!

Metro UU Adult Religious Education

Area ministers of Unitarian Universalist congregations are making their Adult Religious Education offerings available to all UUs in the area. Here are the current offerings.

UU Crash Course Series with Rev. Krista Taves (Eliot Chapel)

Dive into UU history and theology with this 4 session class. [More information here.](#)

Parents as Spiritual Guides (offered by Eliot Chapel)

Topics include Exploring your Own Spiritual Journey and Ways to Provide Spiritual Experiences for Children [More information here.](#)

Rev. Dr. Claudia Hall (Metro East UU Congregation) is offering

The Bible for Liberal Religious People

In this class students will learn the following:

1. October- The history and development of the Bible Canon itself, including the variety of texts that comprise what is considered Scripture by various Jewish and Christian sects, and the texts that were left out
2. January- The various ways these texts have been interpreted by Jewish and Christian leaders over the centuries, within various historical contexts.
3. February- The rise of Historical-Critical method and how that changed the way the Bible was interpreted and understood.
4. March- The impact of various sciences on biblical interpretation and the ongoing adaptations for progressive Judaism and Christianity based on these impacts.
5. April- How to exegete and interpret Biblical texts in context, with specific attention given to ‘hot topics’ such as women in ministry, LGBTQIA equality, Immigration, Abortion, and salvation.
6. May- How to use the Bible (with its flaws and problems) as part of our spiritual heritage as progressive religious people.

Class will meet from 6:30-8 PM Central on Zoom, on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in Oct, Jan, Feb, March, April and May. You can choose to attend only certain months if you prefer,

as each topic is mostly independent, although they all do integrate with each other. Contact Administrator Lynn Hunt for the zoom link for the classes.

Online Giving is Easier than Ever Before!

Our online giving platform, Vanco, is now easier to use than ever before. You can easily set up regular pledge payments, donate to specific funds or purchase tickets to church events on our new web based site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCVK/home>) or you can install the app on your phone (this is ideal for Sunday morning offering). Use the QR code below to download the app. Any questions – contact Administrator, Lynn Hunt.



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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