



This Joy That I Have
Rev. Sabrina Trupia
April 6th, 2025
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Prelude *No. II of Three Meditations* by Eric Thiman

Allen Hoffman, organ

Welcome/Call to Worship

Roz Cook

Opening Hymn

#361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Allen Hoffman

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song...

Open your hearts ev'ryone...

Don't be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

Chalice Lighting

Roz Cook

Story for All Ages *The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes* by DuBose Heyward

Pam Geppert

Children's Recessional #118 This Little Light of Mine

Allen Hoffman, piano

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. Sabrina

Call for the Offering

Roz Cook

Offertory

Gracias a la vida

First U Choir

Readings

Roz Cook

Sermon This Joy that I have Rev. Sabrina

Closing Hymn #410 *Surprised by Joy* Allen Hoffman

Surprised by joy no song can tell,
no thought can compass, here we stand
to celebrate eternal love,
to reach for one another's hand.

Beyond all other gifts is this,
best gift, alone to mortals given;
the love of parent, lover, friend
attunes our hearts to bliss of heaven.

Faith, hope, and love here come alive;
life's deepest treasure is made known when in forgiving,
giving all, inseparably, two are as one.

Closing Words Rev. Sabrina

Postlude *Bonse Ana* traditional Zambian song, arranged by Andrew Fischer
All who sing have the right to be called children of the world. First U Choir

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Cathy Rauch and Nadine Vlietstra
Greeters: Lisa Ross and Chuck Eby
A/V Assistant: Steve Wilke

Music Notes

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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, April 6th, 2025

This Joy That I Have - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Where and how do we find joy when times are hard?

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/5NcuuOKxWTO>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

This Week at First UU STL

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

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

11:15 am - 12:00 pm - Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the RE Committee

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Broken Bowl Ritual (Chapel)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Membership Orientation (C1)

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Women's Alliance - (in person and online)

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

Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 10th, 2025

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Care and Concern (online)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Committee (C1 and online)

Saturday, April 12th, 2025

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Human Rights Social Witnessing (Kingshighway)

Sunday, April 13th, 2025

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

11:15 am - 12:00 pm - FCCF Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Partner Church Committee (C1)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Newcomer Chat (Dodson Rm)

Upcoming Services

April 2025 Theme - Joy

April 13th, 2025 - Cultivating Joy - Members of the Worship Committee

April 17th, 2025 - Maundy Thursday

April 20th, 2025 - Easter Revelry! - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

April 27th, 2025 - Make a Joyful Noise - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Congratulations to **Sarah and Joe Francois** who just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Concerns

Our deep sympathy to **Sue Herzberg** whose mother, Janet Petsche, passed away peacefully on April 1st in hospice with her family by her side at the age of ninety two. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to the League of Women Voters in her name.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8lF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjKT_Vw/viewform)

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday 4/6 10am-11am

Children start in the service then go to classes after the Story for All Ages.
Nursery is open for younger children.

Church News & Events

Our Vision - Our Future 2025 Canvass

Our Vision - Our Future – 2025 Canvass Update

“Often in the waves of change, we discover our true direction.” – Andrew Pacholyk

Our annual canvass campaign is over – many thanks to all who pledged for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. If you have not as of yet pledged, you can still do so. Pledge cards are in Fellowship Hall and of course you can pledge online. Thanks for your support!

Erin Milligan and Emily Jaycox, Canvass Co-Chairs

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, April 6th, 2025 – (11:15 am)

Sponsored by the RE Committee

Come enjoy a hearty breakfast with family and friends. Donations will be accepted and will help future RE programming. Let Michele Grove or Caitlin Hill know if you want to help out.

First Church Community Fund (FCCF) Annual Bake Sale and Raffle - “Goodies for Good”

April 13th in Fellowship Hall after the church service.

Raffle Basket Ticket Sales Commence this Sunday (4/6) in Fellowship Hall

A wonderful selection of home baked goods will be available on April 13th for your enjoyment during our Fellowship Hour or to take home. All proceeds from the FCCF bake sale and raffle support the First Church Community Fund's microgrants to local nonprofits serving those in need.

This Sunday, April 6th, raffle basket ticket sales commence in Fellowship Hall and continue through Sunday, April 13th, when winners will be announced. You do not need to be present to win.

Baskets include:

“Go Native” Gardening Basket offering a selection of gardening essentials plus gift certificates to Sugarcreek Garden Nursery and Home Depot along with native plants and a bee pollinator kit.

Estimated value: \$200

“Loving Brunch Basket” includes gift certificates to the “Tree House” restaurant and Seeds Café plus all the makings of great brunches at home: coffee, teas, pancake, scone mixes and maple syrup.

Estimated value: \$200

“The Chocolate Lover’s Basket” features a chocolate tasting kit, cocoa, bags of semi-sweet and bittersweet chips, and seriously chocolate brownie mix. Estimated value: \$75

Treat yourself, have some fun, support FCCF: all while doing good!

Newcomer Chat - Sunday, April 13th

(11:30 am - Dodson Room)

Are you new to First Unitarian? Want to learn more and meet members of the congregation? Then plan to attend the Newcomer Chat on the 13th which will be held right after the service. Hope you can make it!

Grief Circle - Monday, April 14th (11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Dodson Room)

This open/drop-in group meets on the second Monday of the month (April 14th). It is a chance for all who are experiencing varieties of grief to gather and share their feelings. Facilitated by Rev. Trupia.

The next meeting of the Love at the Center Book Club is on Sunday 4/27 at 7PM (Zoom). Exploring the value of Pluralism, we are reading *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi.

Newcomers welcome.

Facilitated by Sherry Bassi and Erin Milligan.

[If you are new to the book club please sign-up here \(no need to sign-up if you have already participated\).](#)

Social Justice Opportunities Facebook Page

The social justice committee has created a Facebook group page for sharing of information about social action opportunities in a timely fashion. The page is called First Unitarian St. Louis Social Action Opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/910632344477376/>

It is a closed group, so you have to request membership, but membership is open to all members and friends of First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

Margaret Weck for the Social Justice Committee

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

Rev. Kim is on Sabbatical until May 1st, 2025 and will resume taking appointments upon her return. You can reach the Caring Committee by emailing careandconcern@firstuustlouis.org. Other church related questions can go to the Office staff at 314-361-0595. Additionally, people contact Rev. Trupia for pastoral care through their email (see below).

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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