



Make a Joyful Noise

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

April 27th, 2025

Order of Service

Ringling of the Bowl & Welcome

Steve Wilke

Prelude #21

For The Beauty of the Earth

Allen Hoffman

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Worship

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

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

Steve Wilke

Sung Response

Allen Hoffman

*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

Listen to My Trumpet

Christian Cox & Amory Henderson

Hymn #1064 (see insert)

Blue Boat Home

Allen Hoffman

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

Allen Hoffman

*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.*

Call for the Offering

Steve Wilke

Offertory #108 *My Heart Flows on In Endless Song*

Allen Hoffman

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!

To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

Reflection 1

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Hymn #368

Now Let Us Sing

Allen Hoffman

Now let us sing, sing, sing Sing to the power of the faith within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid; Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within. sing to the power of the faith within.

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

Reflection 2

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Hymn #298

Wake Now My Senses

Allen Hoffman

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Reflection 3

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Hymn #1028 (see insert)

The Fire of Commitment

Allen Hoffman

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze

When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

Ritual of Transition

Sabbatical Committee

Closing Words

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Postlude #208

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

Allen Hoffman

(Chorus)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my God spoke,
o'er the mount came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my God if all was mine.

(Chorus)

The River Jordan runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back.

(Chorus)

*Today's flowers are dedicated by the **Sabbatical Committee to Rev. Sabrina Trupia** with deep thanks for
their authentic presence with us during these trying times.*

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Stan and Claire Birge
Greeters: Chuck Eby and Lisa Ross
A/V Assistant:

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.

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Yellow Pages

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

Worship Service

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

Make a Joyful Noise - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

On the last Sunday of sabbatical ministry we will have a good ole hymn sing! Be prepared to belt out tunes and/or enjoy the music!

Please join in a celebration of gratitude Sunday, April 27th, to thank Reverend Sabrina for their time as our sabbatical minister. We are grateful for their wisdom and care and will honor them with a ritual during the service and a cake reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/j0PeQFmVbsw>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

This Week at First UU STL

Sunday, April 27th, 2025

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - ICE Policy Info Session (Chapel)

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Makers Ministry (C7)

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Love at the Center Book Club (online)

Monday, April 28th, 2025

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Church Council- (online)

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Women's Alliance (online only)

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

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

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

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

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

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

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

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

10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Trinity Hot Lunch Prep (Kitchen)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Budget Info Session (Chapel)

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

Upcoming Services

May 2025 Theme - Imagination

May 4th, 2025 - Flower Communion - Rev. Kim Mason

May 11th, 2025 - Music Sunday - Rev. Kim Mason

May 18th, 2025 - Religious Education Sunday - Rev. Kim Mason

May 25th, 2025 - tbd

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Concerns

We are saddened to learn that **Minister Emeritus, Rev. Earl Holt**, has recently entered hospice care in the nursing facility where he lives in the Phoenix area. Prayers are requested.

We offer **Rev. Sabrina Trupia** our deep sympathy on the recent passing of her mother, Rosella Giudice.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8IF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday 4/27 10am-11am

Children have Chapel after the Story for All Ages.

Nursery is open for younger children.

Church News & Events

Information Meeting with Board President to Discuss New Policy Should ICE Agents Appear at Church Door

The Policy Board recently approved a policy for how greeters and ICE liaisons will interact with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents who may come to the church in search of an individual. Chuck Eby, Board President, will be available in the Chapel, 11:30-12:00 on Sunday, April 27, to discuss details of the policy with interested members and friends of the congregation.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis will take place on Sunday May 18, 2025 at 5007 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 11:30 am.

The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in person and using the electronic meeting platform Zoom which will be hosted within the boundaries of the City of St. Louis.

[Read the full notice here.](#)

Save the Date!

Fellowship Dinner - May 31st (5:30 - 8:30 pm)

Travel opportunities to Transylvania are available this summer! Trips for hiking or for visiting historical sites are being offered. See the Flyers posted in Fellowship Hall or contact Kimberly Perry. Robert Kokenyesi will be traveling to Csókfalva our partner church in Transylvania this summer to attend our partner church minister's installation as accredited minister. YOU too could go to Transylvania!!

Women's Alliance Scholarship

The Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Announces its Scholarship Competition for the academic year 2025-2026

Materials due by July 31st, 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 \$5,000 will be made on the basis of scholarship, character and need.

[To apply you can download a full packet of information \(including printable application and reference form\).](#)

Or [Apply Online](#) and submit the [Online Reference Form](#).

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 \(no need to sign-up if you have already participated\).**](#)

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

Policy Board Meeting Summary

April 14, 2024 Virtual

The Board adopted a policy to guide the Church minister, staff, leaders, and greeters in the event that an ICE agent seeks to enter the First U Church building. The Trump Administration recently rescinded a long-standing guidance policy that required Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to refrain from immigration enforcement actions in certain sensitive areas, including those in and around

places of worship. The new policy clarifies our long-standing practice regarding which parts of our church building are public and which are private. It states that the policy of First Unitarian Church is to require a search warrant for entering or searching a private area of the building. It also specifies the actions that volunteers and staff should take if an ICE agent or other law enforcement officer enters or requests entry to the church building.

[You can read a copy of the ICE policy here](#). **President Chuck Eby will be available after service on April 27 to answer questions about the new policy.**

The Board has also progressed with the Vision Statement process. Here's the proposed vision we will present to the congregation for a vote at the Congregational meeting on May 18:

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis envisions a vital, spiritual congregation fostering an active and relevant presence in the community.

This was the top vote-getter in a Survey Monkey straw poll, receiving a majority of the first-place votes. Please join us at the Congregational Meeting to learn more about the process and the proposed Vision Statement.

Sidney Watson, Secretary

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

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

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

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