



From the Vaults, the Story of the Radical Dr. King

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

January 19th, 2025

Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Mike Lunter

Welcome

Mike Lunter

Prelude

Minuet in A Minor by J.P. Rameau

Allen Hoffman, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Sabrina

***Hymn #55** *Dark of Winter*

Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me.

Let my thoughts go where they will; ease my mind profoundly.

And then my soul will sing a song, a blessed song of love eternal.

Gentle darkness, soft and still, bring your quiet to me.

Darkness, soothe my weary eyes, that I may see more clearly.

When my heart with sorrow cries, comfort and caress me.

And then my soul may hear a voice, a still, small voice of love eternal.

Darkness, when my fears arise, let your peace flow through me.

Lighting the Chalice

Mike Lunter

Sung Response Come to 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

Joys & Concerns

Mike Lunter

Submit Joys and Concerns online at <https://forms.gle/WiHevqVTkCc3dWmC7>

Prayer

Rev. Sabrina

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.

Call for the Offering Text the dollar amount you wish to give to this number: 833-649-0088
Or use the QR code located in the Announcements

Mike Lunter

Reflection on *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Rev. Sabrina

Offertory

Lift Every Voice And Sing

First U Choir

Gratitude

Mike Lunter

Reflection

From the Vaults

Rev. Sabrina,
Mike Lunter
Adam Lunter

Hymn #34 *Though I may Speak With Bravest Fire*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Closing Words

Rev. Sabrina

Postlude

The Way by F. Ritter

Allen Hoffman, organ

*This morning's flowers are given by **Pam Gempel** in gratitude for friends from
church and in the community.*

Serving Us This Morning

Ushers: Layne Simpson and Rosemary Lawton

Greeters: Chuck Eby and Kathy Wire

A/V Assistant: Sarah Dashner

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 January 19th, 2025

From the Vaults, the story of the radical Dr. King - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Dr. King's FBI files say that he was a target of an "intensive campaign to neutralize him as an effective civil rights leader." Today we look at some of the ways he was considered "dangerous" and look at his radical legacy.

Designated Collection for Sunday January 19th – Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has been supporting human rights and social justice projects all around the world for over eighty years. Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people left behind in times of humanitarian crises. Nominated by **Kimberly Perry**.

You can make your contribution to this collection in several ways. Put cash or check (indicate Designated Collection in the memo line) or use the QR code below. Thank you for your contribution.

If you participated in a Guest at Your Table please return your box this morning.

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/syvXu2RydBQ>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81842582434?pwd=dThVUXRlclhTMVBFbmRYa0l3OVlKZz09>)

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

Sunday, January 19th, 2025

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

Bring in your Wrapped in Love Scarves and Guest at Your Table Boxes

Monday, January 20th, 2025

Martin Luther King Day - Building/Office Closed

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Crouch/Feinberg Covenant Group (online)

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

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

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Exec Committee (online)

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

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

Saturday, January 25th, 2025

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Mid-Winter Meeting

Sunday, January 26th, 2025

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Makers Ministry

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Respect Voters (Sanctuary)

Upcoming Services

January 2025 Theme -Story

January 26th, 2025 - Event Horizon - Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Concerns

We offer our support to **Joshua Newsome** who is facing many challenges and transitions in his life.

Our healing thoughts and prayers to **Judy Till** who is recovering in Missouri Baptist Hospital after a recent surgery.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfD14K3Xr81F171BeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Meet New Member Peter Crumpler

I became a member of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis on December 8 of 2024. I previously became aware of Unitarian Universalist principles through my mother. She is a very active member of the First Unitarian Church in Bloomington, IL. As a lifelong atheist, the openness of the Unitarian church appeals to me. I find attending services helps me stay grounded in my values of humanism and social justice. I am very excited to find new opportunities to engage in community with the congregation here in St. Louis.

After living in the city of Chicago for 10 years and 1 year in Bloomington, Illinois, I relocated to St. Louis in March of 2023. Following a long career in the restaurant industry, I recently transitioned into the public health sector, where I work as a case manager. Through my work I engage with members of the St. Louis community facing homelessness and often suffering from addiction.

I am an avid disc golf player, bass angler and hiking enthusiast. I also enjoy reading books and Americana folk music. An interesting fact about me is that I have a fraternal twin brother. I have also been in recovery since February of 2021.

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday 1/12 10am-11am

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

Member Inquiry

"Your fellow church member, **Robert Kokenyesi**, needs helpful advice to begin self-publishing books. If you have personal experience, or if you can put me in touch with people who do, please look me up in church." If you need help contacting Robert, please ask the Church Office for his contact information.

Church News & Events

TODAY - Newcomer Chat - Sunday, January 19th (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 19th which will be held right after the service. Hope you can make it!

Every church canvass needs a theme... and we don't have one yet!

In the mood for a bit of creative brainstorming? Does tossing theme ideas around with a handful of other folks sound like a fun way to spend ten or fifteen minutes at coffee hour? Do you enjoy thinking up ideas for logos? What about creative ways to share weekly progress updates with the congregation? Have you always wanted to try your hand at decorating Fellowship Hall for a festive brunch?

You are invited to stop by and see Emily Jaycox, 2025 Canvass co-chair at coffee hour on Sunday January 19. She'll be at a table, wearing a silly hat - and would love to hear your ideas.

(What the heck is a canvass anyway? The annual church canvass is when members and friends pledge financial support to the church for the coming year.)

*****The OP Shop is placing warm clothing items into the Little Food Pantry** and could use your contributions of jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, caps, gloves and blankets. You can either drop off your donated items in the OP Shop or place them directly into the pantry on our parking lot. Thanks!

January 25th, 2025 – Mid-Winter Meeting

Gather at 5:00 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm; Program at 6:30 pm

Come together to share a fantastic potluck dinner and enjoy the friendly warmth of our congregation. The program will include an update from Board President Chuck Eby. Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education, will join us to share her insights on the visioning work she had done with the Religious Education program and how to integrate that into our overall congregational vision. Hope you can make it. Sign-Up online or in Fellowship Hall.

Social Class and Social Justice in Unitarian-Universalism - Adult Education

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

A 3-part discussion series to explore social class and consider action strategies within the UU community

Dates/time: Tuesdays: Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11; 6:30-8:00 PM (in-person and zoom)

Facilitated by Fran Hoffman and Annette Peterson

Discussion goals:

Engage with the history and realities of how ideas of social class are manifested in our denomination, congregation and personal lives

Advance awareness of how the ideas and assumptions of social classes are integral to supporting the systemic nature of economic inequality.

Develop understanding of the impact of class identity on decision making in one's own life, our congregation, and our local and national communities

Explore possibilities, drawing from UU principles and values to bridge or dismantle class divides and create a more just and equitable world

Workshop topics:

1. Defining social class. How have ideas of class identity shaped your life and experience with UU?
2. How have class issues shaped Unitarian-Universalism? What is at stake for UU and our congregation? How is social class a factor in how outsiders perceive us - who do they think we are? Why would they think that?
3. What might be done? How do we live into our desire to be truly welcoming and inclusive?

Core text: Elite: Uncovering Classism in Unitarian Universalist History by Mark Harris, Skinner House Books, 2011. (10 copies available from First UU office (\$9) or through Skinner House books (\$10) or Kindle (\$8) *Reading the book is not required for participation in the series.

[Sign-Up online](#) or in Fellowship Hall

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR 2025 SERVICES

There are many open dates to donate flowers for Sunday services in the new year. If you are interested in helping to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please contact Dottie Kinscherf by email at flowers@firstuustlouis.org or in Fellowship Hall after services to learn more.

Makers Ministry: Wrapped In Love Project

Makers Ministry is planning to collect handmade and donated (new) scarves for a Wrapped in Love scarf give-away planned for MLK Day. Scarves will be draped on the church fence in a colorful “scarf bombing” display with a Wrapped in Love/ Free Scarves sign. **Please bring scarves for donation on Sunday January 19th (before MLK Day).** Please direct any questions to Sherry Bassi.

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee’s annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 50 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals—the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

On Sunday morning pick up a GAYT box. Each time you have a meal or snack drop some coins into the box. **We will collect the boxes on Sunday, January 19th, 2025. All monies collected will be contributed to the UUSC in order to support their programming.**

First Church Community Fund Committee is Seeking New Members

Informational Luncheon - January 25th, 2025 (noon at the Church)

First Church Community Fund is seeking members interested in learning more about St. Louis nonprofits, participating in the committee’s annual grant review process and advancing the work of the committee and its visibility within our church community. We hope you can attend.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

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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