



Powered by Love

Rev. Kim Mason

September 15th, 2024

Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl Mike Lunter

Welcome Mike Lunter

Prelude "Song" from *Sea Pieces* by Edward Mac Dowell Carolyn Toft

Call to Worship Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #299 Make Channels for Streams of Love Judy Meyer, piano
*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 Mike Lunter

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 Handy Guide* by Emily C. Jones

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.*

Commissioning of Affiliated Community Minister

Rev. Kim Mason

Larry Dusenbery, Board VP

Congregational Response: *We do. We welcome you in gratitude for your offered ministry. We offer
kindness and care as you learn about us and we get to know you,
and look forward to growing in shared ministry.*

Joys & Concerns

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Prayer

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Sung Response: There Is A Love

There is a love holding me / us.

There is a love holding all that I / we love.

There is a love holding all.

I / We rest in this love.

Reading

The Magic of an Empty Palm by Julian Jamaica Soto

My People's Hands by Sean Parker Dennison

Mike Lunter

Call for the Offering

Text the dollar amount you wish to give to this number: 833-649-0088

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Offertory

Finding Home

Music and lyrics by Ricky Ian Gordon

Judy Meyer, soloist

Carolyn Toft, piano

Gratitude

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Reading

My People's Hands by Sean Parker Dennison

Mike Lunter

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #131 Love Will Guide Us

Judy Meyer, piano

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,

hope inside us will lead the way

on the road from greed to giving.

Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,

if you cannot speak before thousands,

you can give from deep within you.

You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,

hope inside us will lead the way

on the road from greed to giving.

Love will guide us through the hard night.

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living, arranged by Don Wyrzten

Judy Meyer, piano

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Gary Parks and Kathy Wire
Greeters: Betty Neill and Kathy Wilke
A/V Assistant: Margaret Weck

Music Notes

Ricky Ian Gordon (born in New York in 1956) studied acting, composition and piano at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Today, at mid-career, his portfolio includes multiple song cycles, musicals and operas including Opera Theatre of St. Louis' acclaimed production of "27" in 2014 and an upcoming world premiere of "This House" in 2025. Stephen Holden of The New York Times observed that Gordon's settings of various poems "...dance freely across the line between a sophisticated post-Sondheim Broadway style and straight-laced art song." "Finding Home," his 2003 collection of 21 songs, features a rhythmically complicated vocal part set to a seemingly simple accompaniment.

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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 15th, 2024

Powered by Love - Rev. Kim Mason

This summer UUS from all over voted in favor of a new set of values - that invite a practice centered in love. What does that mean that our faith is powered by love? We will commission Rev. Sabrina Trupia as an affiliated minister in this service.

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/vtHzcXcj514>

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.

Are you new to First U? Want to find out more? Plan to stay for the Newcomer Chat right after the church service in the Dodson Room. This is a chance to ask your questions and meet members of the congregation and Rev. Kim. Hope you can make it!

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

Sunday September 15th, 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 pm - Worship Service (In Person & Online)

11:15 am - 12:15 pm - Newcomer Chat (Dodson Room)

11:15 am - 12:15 pm - Get Out the Vote Postcard Initiative (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Young Adult Covenant Group (Youth Group Room)

Monday, September 16th 2024

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

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Policy Board Meeting (Online) Board meetings are open to all members who are interested in attending. Please contact Administrator Lynn Hunt for the zoom link.

Tuesday September 17th, 2024

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

Wednesday September 18th, 2024

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

Thursday September 19th, 2024

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Facilities (C1 & online)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Siegrist/Milligan Covenant Group (online)

Saturday September 21st, 2024

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

Sunday September 22nd, 2024

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - T. S. Eliot Society (Chapel)

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

Upcoming Services

September 2024 Theme - Invitation

- **September 22nd - Balance - Rev. Kim Mason**
- **September 29th - Imagination - Rev. Kim Mason**

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Happy thoughts for **Karen Siegrist** who is home from the hospital after being treated for cellulitis.

Big congratulations to **Mindy Allen** who is in the process of buying a house!

Concerns

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfDl4K3Xr8lF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjKTVw/viewform

Religious Education This Sunday for Children

This Sunday 9/15 10am-11am

**Sept. 15th Story for All Ages -- The Handy Guide to the Values of Unitarian
Universalism**

by Emily C. Jones

This guide introduces a new way to remember the new Article II values. It is concise, and explains the hand gestures for each value with corresponding visuals. Children will receive the coloring book version!

After the Story for All Ages, parents are invited to bring their children to the Chapel for a RE Open House! Meet teachers, have a snack and enjoy the playground for games and snacks. Hope to see you there!

Nursery is open for younger children.

Church News & Events

Staff Updates

First Unitarian is pleased to announce we've hired **Michele Townsend Grove as our remote Interim DRE** for the next year. Michele is a religious educator who brings almost 30 years of experience. She began her career as a Christian Educator in the United Methodist tradition and then joined the Unitarian Universalists in 2003. She developed a passion for interim religious education in 2016 and has served this specialized vocation ever since. Michele has served as an interim religious educator with congregations in Manassas, Virginia; Bethesda, Maryland, Stephens City, Virginia; Cherry Hill, New Jersey and Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. Michele served as one of the interim religious education trainers for the UUA from 2008-2016. As a lifelong learner, she earned her Doctor of Ministry in the Spring of 2019.

During the interim period, Michele will work in relationship with all the members and friends, children and adults in the congregation as we determine our values, vision and needs for religious education. We hope you will be a part of this exciting process!

First Unitarian is excited to welcome the **Rev. Sabrina Trupia as our Affiliated Community Minister**. You may recall Sabrina from their time with us as a Contextual Education student. Rev. Sabrina graduated from [Eden Seminary](#) in 2022 and was ordained in April 2024 by the congregation in [Montclair](#), New Jersey where they also did their ministerial internship. Back in the St. Louis area, Rev. Sabrina is working part-time long distance for the UU Congregation of the Quad Cities, in Davenport, Iowa.

Rev. Sabrina is a middle-aged, nonbinary person and their pronouns are they / them. They live in Edwardsville, IL with a spouse (Ed), a teenager (Isabella), and two adopted cats (Bo and Cap'n). As an affiliated community minister Rev. Sabrina will preach for us once a year and provide an annual adult RE opportunity. In their spare time they like to walk, read, do yoga and meditation, and take naps.

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

We Need You To Share About UUism at Tower Grove Pride!

Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th

St. Louis area UUs are collaborating on a booth at Tower Grove Pride! We have slots to sign up for staffing the booth - it's as simple as handing out swag and answering questions! If you're planning to attend, it would be easy to tack a 2 hour shift on before or after you enjoy the festivities!

Sign up for a shift here: We have slots to sign up for staffing the booth as well as helping out with set up and take down. If you're planning to attend, it would be easy to tack a 2 hour shift on before or after you enjoy the festivities!

Morning and Afternoon Shifts Available. Sign up for a shift here: [Metro STL UUs: Tower Grove Pride 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

The First Unitarian Church of St. Louis seeks an energetic staff member to work part-time coordinating onsite activities for our children's Religious Education program. The coordinator will work in partnership with an offsite Director of Religious Education who will plan programming. First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is an historic congregation in the urban St. Louis neighborhood of the Central West End. We are a small mid-size congregation with 210 members and approximately 40 children and youth. See the full job posting here:
<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/Sunday%20RE%20Coordinator%20.pdf>

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

The Toward 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 15, 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!

SPARC (Spiritual and Progressive Adults' Recreational Collective)

Where busy, young(ish) Unitarian Universalist spiritual seekers come together for good vibes once a month. Join us for captivating conversations about spirituality, ethics, and social justice, mixed with laid-back banter and chats about local goings-on, all while exploring new, enriching activities together. From nature hikes to sound baths to wine bars, we blend small talk with serious talk...and serious fun! It's all about exploring spirituality, forging friendships, and sparking deeper connections.

We were finding at Eliot that we have a small number of people who attend our Young Adult gatherings, and that we have plenty of retirees who engage in various activities/groups, but there really wasn't much for the folks in between. Our target demographic for this group is people in their 30's/40's/50's, who want to connect to other UU's and having meaningful conversations and experiences.

We plan to kick off the group with a potluck lunch outside of Eliot Chapel on September 22 at 12:30. Please join us. More information at: <https://www.eliotchapel.org/sparc>

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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