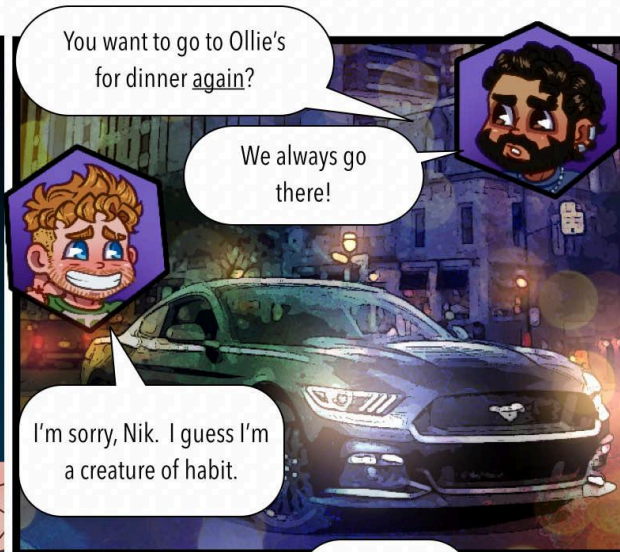




**I've Been Planning to be Spontaneous All Week
With Adam Lunter
July 14th, 2024
Order of Service**



Ringing of the Bowl

Mike Lunter

Welcome and Announcements

Mike Lunter

Prelude

Don't Rain on my Parade by Bob Merrill and Jule Styne
Performed by the Gateway Men's Chorus

Call to Worship

Adam Lunter

Hymn #6, Just As Long As I Have Breath

*Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.*

*Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.*

*Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.*

Lighting the Chalice

Moe Hurst

Sung Response #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*

Reading

Dare To Be Stupid by Weird Al Yankovic

Tom Finan

Story for All Ages

The Big Orange Splot by Daniel Pinkwater

Pamela Geppert

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Joys & Concerns

Mike Lunter

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

Adam Lunter

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**

Adam Lunter

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

Offertory Music*The Song That Doesn't End*

by Shari Lewis and Friends

Gratitude

Adam Lunter

Reflection*Cheese* by Mike Lunter

Mike Lunter

Sermon*I've Been Planning All Week To Be Spontaneous*

Adam Lunter

Closing Hymn — Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Words will appear on the screen; just sing along.

Closing Words

Adam Lunter

Extinguish the Chalice

Mike Lunter

Postlude *The Entertainer like You've Never Heard Before (Piano Cover in 7 Styles!)*

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Yotam Piano

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Lisa Ross & Cathy Rauch
Greeters: Sherry Bassi & Kathy Wire
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.

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

Worship Service

Sunday, July 14th, 2024

I've Been Planning to be Spontaneous All Week with Adam Lunter

July 14th is Pandemonium Day — a day to remind us that chaos is a part of everyday life and that we should take a different look at uncertainty, randomness, spontaneity, and change. Let's shake things up a bit, move the cheese, and celebrate all the stuff that gives our lives a turn for the different.

Online Order of Service (<https://tinyurl.com/325aapyw>)

Watch this Service on YouTube! (<https://youtube.com/live/Ch1Eyi4Eimk>)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

Designated Collection - Sunday July 14th - Partner Church Fund

The Partner Church Program's purpose is to maintain and expand the relationship between First Unitarian of St. Louis and our partner church in Csókfalva, Romania. Our on-going programs are providing scholarships to worthy students to attend a nearby Unitarian Church High School and/or other schools and providing a supplement to our Partner Church minister's meager salary. The Committee financially assists our Partner Church in projects that enhance the church or parsonage. Examples of these projects have been restoring a gate in front of the vicarage, building a new front porch on the vicarage to provide outdoor gathering space, and insulating the vicarage. A longer term restoration project will be to help weatherize and stabilize the tower on the historic church building. Funds are also raised to help support visits between our congregations in Csókfalva and St. Louis.

**** This Sunday After Service**

10:00 am to 11:00 am - Worship Service - In Person & Online

11:30 am to 1:30 pm - *Cooked* Film and Discussion (Sanctuary and online)

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

The Women's Alliance is in the process of clearing out items from the OP Shop in anticipation of new inventory. Be sure to stop by the shop in Fellowship Hall to pick up something from the large assortment of items on the **FREE** table.

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

Tuesday July 16, 2024

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

Wednesday July 16th

6:00 pm - Worship Committee (C1)

Thursday July 18th, 2024

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

Saturday July 20th, 2024

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

Sunday July 21st, 2024

10:00 am to 11:00 am - Worship Service - In Person & Online

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

Rev. Kim is on Study Leave from July 1 - July 28th. 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.

Upcoming Services

July 2024

- **Sunday July 21st, 2024** - A Summer Sundae - Women's Alliance
- **Sunday July 28th, 2024** - Is THAT Really in the Bible? A Lay UU's argument for Bible Literacy - Steve Wilke

Joys and 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/1FAIpQLSdeSrfikA6h7HR77ZJfDl4K3Xr8lF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Meet New Member Marilyn Murrillo

Marilyn Murrillo is a new resident of Saint Louis from California. Marilyn is Transgender and their pronouns are they/them. They enjoy academic writing/editing, volunteering, and traveling. They hold a Doctorate of Education in Leadership from the University of the Pacific. They look forward to getting to know fellow church members.

Religious Education This Sunday

**Summer Play Area/ Chapel Activities
for Children 1st-5th Grade**

This Sunday 7/14 10am-11am

There will be a supervised playtime in the Play Area this Sunday, July 14th. Children start the morning in the Sanctuary and after the Story for All Ages will go straight to the Chapel this Sunday. Nursery is open.

Story for All Ages: *The Big Orange Splot* by Daniel Pinkwater. A beautiful lyrical story that introduces the concept of individuality, accepting of others differences, and respect for those around us.

Church Events

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, July 28th

Trinity Hot Lunch Service Project - Sponsored by the Social Responsibility Committee

Our Central West End neighbor, Trinity Episcopal Church, operates an ongoing food ministry that includes a food pantry and a Sunday Hot Lunch program. On Sunday, July 28th, First Church members and friends can support the Hot Lunch program by preparing a meal for approximately 80 in our Fellowship Hall kitchen and transporting and serving it at Trinity.

Food prep begins at about 10:30 am and concludes at Trinity at 3 pm with clean up. Volunteer shifts are available throughout the morning and afternoon, permitting helpers to participate in a variety of ways.

You can also support our effort by donating home-baked cookies. [You can sign-up here](#) or in Fellowship Hall. For questions, email src@firstuustlouis.org.

Church News

Are You A Fixer Upper?

Do You Have Experience And Enjoy Doing Small Projects Around Your Home?

If Yes, Please Consider Signing Up For Small Projects Around Your Second Home Of First U!

There Are Projects That Need To Be Done That Take More Time Than A "Work Day" Allows.

Examples:

Sand, Stain And Refinish The Front Door Handle

Clean, Prime And Paint Ceiling In 2nd Floor Bathroom

Clean Inside Of Refrigerator

And More!

Please Contact Jane Hoekelman For. More Information And/Or Look In Fellowship Hall For Sign Up Sheet!

2024-25 Year Designated Collection Nominations Now Accepted

Deadline for Nominations – Today!!!!

First Church has historically offered a Designated Collection Program as one way of evidencing our UU values in the community and supporting social justice. The program enables Members and Pledging Friends to nominate qualifying nonprofits and church committees or projects to receive all the proceeds

of a Sunday plate collection. Nominations are reviewed by the Social Responsibility Committee (SRC) with consideration given to the fit between the nominee and First Church's mission and values, as well as the nonprofit's core focus, impact, and connection to our First Church community.

Selections are announced to the congregation in our Fall E-News and highlighted during service announcements throughout the year.

[Nomination forms are easily completed on-line by clicking here.](#) If you need a paper copy of the form, please contact administrator, Lynn Hunt. For consideration, all 2024-25 Year nominations must meet program criteria listed on the nomination form and be received by Sunday, July 14th. Church policy for the Designated Collection Program is listed on the church's website under "Online Forms and Documents/File Cabinet." Questions about the program may be forwarded to: src@firstuustlouis.org or addressed to our church administrator, Lynn Hunt, at lhunt@firstuustlouis.org.

Designated Collection Nomination Form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBNLjgmEsusJ1woGxf_oKyMwRU2MGR1ljz7ro79yPGPQ0Vvw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Women's Alliance Scholarship

The Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Announces its Scholarship Competition for the academic year 2024-2025.

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 \$3,000 will be made on the basis of scholarship, character and need. Materials due by Jul 31, 2024

To apply you can download a full packet of information

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/2024-2025%20WA%20Annual%20Scholarship%20packet.docx.pdf>) (including printable application and reference form). Or Apply Online

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeltVq1lhRxakI1jhqKoLnqEWRqWcjUvkzBJQ9qW_bDzBvLYw/viewform?usp=sf_link) and submit the Online Reference Form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJeNWtsq3gpV-g7xgIDCQ8WpEtdJuq44DqBI dh_xZ5NpVzwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Community Events

Upcoming Events Tabernacle Events

July 20th -- Beautification Day (9:00 - 11:00 am)

July 27th - Back To School Family Fun Day (9:00am - 2:00pm)

Advance Registration Directly with Tabernacle is required. Sign-Up Here.

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>)

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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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