



After the Storm
Rev. Kim Mason
September 18th, 2022
Order of Service

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Pam Geppert

Prelude Offertoire

Cesar Franck

Earl Naylor, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Opening Hymn #298 Wake Now My Senses

*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.*

Chalice Lighting

Pam Geppert

Sung Response

*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

The Rabbit Listened, by Cori Doerrfeld

Danielle Kozemczak

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.*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response: #1002 Comfort Me

*Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.*

Reading

The New Noah, by Adonis
Translated by Shawkat M. Toorawa

Pam Geppert

Call for the Offering

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

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Offertory

Hallelujah, by Leonard Cohen

Tom Finan

Reading

Genesis 9:18-10:1

Pam Geppert

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #83 Winds Be Still

*Winds be still.
Storm clouds pass and silence come.
Peace grace this time with harmony.
Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,
and in calm let all find tranquility.*

*Bird fly high.
Lift our gaze toward distant view.
Help us to sense life's mystery.
Fly high and far, and lead us each to see
how we move through the winds of eternity.*

*Light shine in.
Luminate our inward view.
Help us to see with clarity.
Shine bright and true so we may join our songs
in new sounds that become full symphony.*

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude *Sortie*

Cesar Franck

Earl Naylor, organ

Serving Us This Morning:
Ushers: Sheryll Coulter and Susan Lammert
Greeter: Clint Cruse
Flower Arrangement: Karen Albin
AV Assistant: Margaret Weck

Music Notes

Although probably best known for his violin sonata and symphony in D Minor, **Cesar Franck** (1822-1890) was primarily an organist and composer for the organ. His large works for organ are considered an important part of the repertoire. These pieces today are taken from a collection written for smaller churches which either had small pipe organs or reed organs.

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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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At Church This Week!

Sunday September 18th

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

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Newcomer Chat (Dodson Rm)

11:15am - 12:15pm OWL Parent Orientation (Middle School Room)

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Partner Church Committee (online)

Monday September 19th

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

Tuesday September 20th

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

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Yokota/Franklin Covenant Group (online)

Wednesday September 21st

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

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday September 24th

10:00 am - 11:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing

Sunday September 25th

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Maker's Ministry (Youth Group Room)

Please check the Church Calendar on the website for more information about gatherings

Deadline for announcements: Wednesday, noon

Send items to dkozem@firstuustlouis.org

Our Mission

We strive to be a welcoming congregation, inspiring lives of loving kindness and integrity by nurturing spirituality, building community, and advancing justice

Upcoming Services

September Theme- Awakening

Sunday September 25th - Welcome to the Year 5783 with Mike and Adam Lunter

October Theme - Awe

Sunday October 2nd - The Ministry of Both/ And, Part II with Rev. Kim Mason

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

Healing thoughts to...

Carolyn Toft, who is recovering from pneumonia

Tony Munie, as he struggles with a couple of medical issues

As a church community, each of us is an integral part of the care and concerns network. Not only do we show up and care for one another, we can make sure people get care by sharing with the care and concerns team when health and other concerns arise. Contact the Care and Concerns team by calling or emailing careandconcern@firstuustlouis.org

Next Designated Collection

Sunday September 25th

Arch City Defenders

Arch City Defenders represents annually over 1000 individuals who would otherwise fall through the cracks of our legal system on issues that impact their ability to access jobs and housing and achieve a stable life for themselves and their families. It helps clients find housing, employment, social services and treatment as well as resources for utility assistance and help in avoiding eviction. ACD also focuses on media advocacy to raise awareness of abuses within the legal system, and brings civil rights lawsuits to try to create system change.

Nominated by Lisa Ross

Church Events

Newcomer Chat!

September 18th (11:15 am)

Dodson Room

Are you new to the First Church Community? Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Plan to attend the Newcomer Chat and meet members of the congregation. This meeting will be in-person. Hope you can make it!

Sunday September 18th 11:15am

7th/8th/9th Grade OWL Parent Orientation

Our middle school youth will be working through the 7-9th grade edition of Our Whole Lives this year. Our Whole Lives is a holistic, sexuality education program. Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, sexual health and behavior.

Parents of youth attending this program are required to attend a special parent orientation on Sunday 9/18 at 11:15am. If a youth has two parent/guardians both of them must sign the permission form for this course. If you are unable to make the orientation on 9/18 please contact dkozem@firstuustlouis.org. We will offer a make up session that is TBD.

Save the Dates!

More Partner Church Events

Sunday October 16th - 10am Partner Church Sunday Worship Service

Saturday, October 22nd - Partner Church Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)

(Doors Open and Appetizers served at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00)

Sunday, December 4th - 11am The Always Delectable Partner Church Bake Sale!

Be prepared for the "Transylvania Trivia" Competition at the Dinner! More clues below:

Our church has been partnered with the Unitarian congregation in the Transylvanian village of Csókfalva, Romania, since the early 1990s.

Unitarianism in Transylvania dates from the sixteenth century, in the time of the Protestant Reformation.

Religious Education This Week

Sunday September 18th 2022

Childcare available this Sunday
First Sunday of the RE Programming Year!

Story for All Ages

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

Taylor is so proud of his creation, until something unexpected and terrible happens that ruins the whole thing. All of his animal friends think they know how to make Taylor feel better, but it takes the Rabbit to truly listen, comfort, and make space for Taylor's emotions, grief, and the time it takes to heal.

Register for the 2022/2023 Religious Education Program!

RE Classes resume Sunday 9/18/22! For details on this year's programming please see the [22/23 Religious Education Handbook](#). Please take the time to complete registration so the church has up to date information including parent email addresses, allergy information, etc. Registration:

<https://forms.gle/u5sRA7hXkkNCvhD7A>

Announcements

It's Auction Time!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, 2022!

Grab your paddles, and be ready to bid at our "reawakened" auction! In order to include those who can't attend in person the auction will be multiplatform. We are incredibly excited to offer online, real-time participation for anyone with internet access--no special equipment or apps necessary.

Start thinking about what you could donate--we are looking for experiences, services, opportunities, and special items.

We need volunteers! In addition to the usual tasks, we need a few people willing to learn how to operate the online auction platform. If you are good with apps and can help before or during the event, contact dkozem@firstuustlouis.org.

The RE Wing Restrooms Are Now GENDER NEUTRAL!

As Unitarian Universalists we believe every person is born with dignity and humanity, and that includes their gender expression! We practice that belief by creating welcoming and inclusive spaces. That is why the restrooms in the Religious Education wing are now GENDER NEUTRAL! Please feel free to use either the upstairs or downstairs facility. Do note that there are now deadbolt locks on the doors for you to use for your privacy.

Social Responsibility

Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing

Join us every Saturday at 10am

The weekly Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing will restart on Saturday March 12th. Gather on Kingshighway alongside our church building. Bring signs, water and sunscreen. Masks and social distancing required. Kevin Kellogg is the on-site coordinator. This event is coordinated by the Toward Justice Group.

The Little Free Pantry Needs You!

We need people who can check on the pantry and make sure it's stocked! Please consider grabbing something for the pantry when you do your shopping. Pop top cans are preferred. Plastic utensils, bottled water, and personal care items like deodorant, sunscreen, and soap are needed. Remember that you or a group you are in can support our parking lot pantry. Visiting once during the week is fine - including on a Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support of this effort to feed our neighbors!

Community Events

Archer Alexander Celebration

September 24, 2022

On September 24, 2022, Archer Alexander will be recognized in two events, being held in his honor, to which the public is invited.

10 am at 119 S. Main Street in St. Charles, the former site of the St. Charles County Courthouse in 1863, sits the OPO Startups. Join us for the ceremony!

1 pm at St. Peters UCC Cemetery in St. Louis (Normandy) 2101 Lucas & Hunt Memorial Service with his family and friends will celebrate the life of this American Hero

Archer Alexander is known as the face of freedom on the Emancipation Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was also the subject of an 1885 biography, *The Story of Archer Alexander*, written by William Greenleaf Eliot. The biography tells the story of Alexander's escape from slavery and fight for freedom.

“The plain fact is that the planet does not need more successful people. But it does desperately need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of every kind. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane. And these qualities have little to do with success as we have defined it.” -David Orr

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