



Cloudbursts and Rainbows
Rev. Kim Mason
September 11th, 2022
Order of Service

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Mike Lunter

Prelude *Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, by J.S. Bach

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

Mike Lunter

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, Part I: Noah Builds the Ark

Danielle Kozemczak

Hymn #210 Wade in the Water

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in white.
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like an Israelite.
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.*

Reflection*Cloudbursts*

Rev. Kim Mason

Special Music*Down to the River to Pray*

First Unitarian Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

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.*

Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, Harmony: Grace Lewis-McLaren

Story, Part II: After the Rain

Danielle Kozemczak

Hymn #301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

*Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Walk on shores while spirits fly
over the ocean, over the land,
our faith a quest to understand.*

*Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Soar with courage ever high;
spirits joining as we fly,
to touch the earth, to reach the sky.*

Reflection	<i>Rainbows</i>	Rev. Kim Mason
Call for the Offering		Mike Lunter
	Text the dollar amount you wish to give to: 833-649-0088	
Offertory	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i>	First Unitarian Choir
Water Communion Ritual		
Special Music	<i>The Storm is Passing Over</i>	First Unitarian Choir
Closing Words		Rev. Kim Mason
Postlude	<i>Caprice sur les Grand Jeu</i> by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault	Earl Naylor, organ

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

Music Notes

Down to the River to Pray arr. Phillip Lawson

While it is hard to pinpoint the exact origins of the song, "Down to the River to Pray" has been referred to as a hymn, a spiritual and an Appalachian song. Some believe it was a Native American Tribal song that was adapted to include Christian lyrics. It is attributed to George H. Allan in the *Slave Songbook of 1867*, and Alison Krauss popularized it in the 2000 film, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* The song also is known by alternate titles such as "Down in the Valley to Pray," "Come, Let Us All Go Down" and "The Good Old Way." Whatever the title might truly be, the deeply spiritual song is about keeping the faith in a time of darkness.

The Storm is Passing Over

arr. Barbara W. Baker

Have courage my soul,
And let us journey on.
Though the night is dark,
And I am far from home.
Thanks be to God,
the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
Hallelu

Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over, Hallelu,

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Any celebration of Martin Shaw's life is in a very real way an English occasion; and therefore in some sense an old-fashioned occasion. For we are here reflecting on the life of the man whose special distinction it was to restore to English church music the quality of being English. This he did because he profoundly - we might almost say fanatically - believed in the virtues of being English. Times have changed, manners and assumptions have changed unrecognizably; and it will be as if we were writing of somebody who belonged to a far distant age. That is inevitable. I must try to bring to life a man whom I myself met only once - although memorably - but whose name has ever since I can remember anything been among those which I most affectionately honored.

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

At Church This Week!

Sunday September 11th

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

11:00am - 12:30pm Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Makers Ministry (online)

Monday September 12th

6:30 pm - 8:00pm Policy Board Meeting (online)

Tuesday September 13th

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Women's Alliance Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

12:00pm - 2:00pm Women's Alliance Surprise Potluck (FH)

Wednesday September 14th

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

Thursday September 15th

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

Saturday September 17th

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Shirley Kirby Memorial (Sanctuary)

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

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)

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 18 - After the Storm with Rev. Kim Mason

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

Joys and Concerns

Joys

We celebrate with...

April Sullivan, who was recently engaged

Concerns

Healing thoughts to...

April Sullivan, who's mother is struggling with health issues

Carolyn Toft, who is recovering from pneumonia and remains hospitalized

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

We won't be collecting joys and sorrows in the service this Sunday. We'll return to this regular practice the following week. If you have a joy or concern for the pastoral prayer, please email Rev. Kim at kmason@firstuustlouis.org

Designated Collection

Sept. 11th

Caring Fund

As a way of putting our faith into action, our church periodically dedicates Sunday collections to worthy non-profits or church programs. Collections will resume in September.

Church Events

Sunday, September 11th 10am

Ingathering and Water Communion

Join us as we kick off our program year with an all ages service. Water Communion is a UU tradition that started in the 1980s. Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. People are invited to pour their water into a large bowl and tell why the water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. Don't forget to bring your special water on Sunday September 11th!

Sunday September 11th 11am

Pancake Breakfast!

The First Unitarian Pancake Breakfast returns on Sunday, September 11th following the service! Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes courtesy of Chris Cakes with toppings, sausage (veggie and regular), fruit, coffee and

more! Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for children (12 and under). All funds raised will support the Religious Education youth trip to Boston next summer.

Women's Alliance Surprise Potluck

September 13, 2022

from Noon to 2:00PM

The Women's Alliance of First UU is having its 1st Meeting of the Year! Come join us in Fellowship Hall or at the Alliance Zoom link. Lunch is a POTLUCK Surprise! We don't need to know what you are bringing to share. Who knows? We may have a buffet filled with celery or pie?! We provide coffee, tea, plates, flatware, napkins etc. After the potluck, Carole Watson will fill you in on the programs that we are planning for the coming year. You don't have to be a member to attend but we hope you'll consider joining. (Annual dues are \$30 payable in September.) Contact pag1029@gmail.com if you have questions.

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 with Rev. Kim and 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 Date!

The Partner Church Dinner Returns

Saturday, October 22nd in Fellowship Hall

(Doors Open and Appetizers served at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00)
Be prepared for a Transylvania Trivia Competition!

Religious Education This Week

Sunday September 11th 2022

Childcare available this Sunday
Multigenerational Worship Service at 10am!
No RE Classes this Sunday

Story for All Ages

Noah and the Rainbow Covenant By Lynn Ungar

God decides most humans are a mess and he needs to start over. He finds this one dude named Noah and his family that are good people, so he tells Noah to build a big boat. The boat isn't just for his family, but two of every animal as well. Then it starts to rain- a lot.

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

COVID Task Force Update

On Saturday, 8/27/2022 the Policy Board approved the following policy changes unanimously:

1. Masks are only required for indoor worship services, including those in the sanctuary, chapel, or other areas inside the building.
2. Masks are optional in all other areas and situations inside the building.

The Policy Board continues to review the recommendations of the COVID Task force and may have additional policy changes after its next meeting on 9/12/22.

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

CRC Water Drive for Jackson, MS

CRC is collecting water to load a truck on the way to Jackson, MS departing Sat.

We're asking YOU to donate bottled water to fill a truck leaving St. Louis Saturday, September 10. Bottled water can be dropped off to CRC during the following times:

Friday, September 9, 10:00 am-7:00 pm

Saturday, September 10, 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Contact elana@centralreform.org with questions.

All Details here: <https://www.centralreform.org/jackson/>

Meet the Janes:

The Heroes of Abortion Action Before Roe v. Wade

Thursday September 15th 6:30pm-9pm

Ethical Society of St. Louis - 9001 Clayton

Join JCRC, NCJWSTL and our many co-sponsors for a showing of the HBO Max documentary The Janes - a group of women who, while using code names, blindfolds, and safe houses to protect their identities and their work, built an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable, illegal abortions. Free Event - Registration Required - <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejaiq5wy9917537b>

No Walk-Ins

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.

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