



The Ministry of Both/And, Part II
Rev. Kim Mason
October 2nd, 2022
Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Tom Finan

Prelude

Song of Peace, by Jean Langlais

Earl Naylor, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Opening Hymn #34 Thou 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.*

Chalice Lighting

Tom Finan

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

Special Music

Furaha by Sally Albrecht

First Unitarian Choir

Joys & Concerns

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

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

Reading

To the people who have mistaken freedom for liberation,
by Theresa Ninán Soto

Tom Finan

Call for the Offering

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

Rev. Kim Mason

Offertory

Be Grateful, My Soul

First Unitarian Choir

Reading

from *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, by Simone de Beauvoir

Tom Finan

Sermon

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Hymn #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,

for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,

circle for the planet, circle for each soul,

for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude

Psalm 19 by Marcello

Earl Naylor, organ

Serving Us This Morning:
Ushers: Kathy Wire and Lori Calcaterra
Greeter: Cathy Rauch
Flower Arrangement: Karen Albin
AV Assistant: Greg Cotter

Music Notes

Jean Langlais (1907 –1991) was a French composer of modern classical music, organist, and improviser. His works are mostly masses and organ music, some based on Gregorian themes, enhanced by polymodal harmonies. Langlais became blind due to glaucoma when he was only two years old and was sent to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris, where he began to study the organ, with André Marchal. From there, he progressed to the Paris Conservatoire, obtaining prizes in organ and composition. After graduating, he returned to the National Institute for Blind Children to teach, and also taught at the Schola Cantorum, which he studied with Marcel Dupré, composition, which he studied with Paul Dukas. It was as an organist, however, that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Tournemire as *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988.^[3] He was much in demand as a concert organist, and toured widely across Europe and the United States.

Furaha Translation: We wish you joy each day.

Benedetto Giacomo Marcello 1686 –1739) was an Italian composer, writer, advocate, magistrate, and teacher. Marcello composed a variety of music including considerable church music, oratorios, hundreds of solo cantatas, duets, sonatas, concertos and sinfonias. This piece is a transcription of a work for choir, instruments, and organ.

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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 October 2nd

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

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Committee Fair (Fellowship Hall)

Monday October 3rd

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm What Moves Us (in person & online)

Tuesday October 4th

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

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Executive Committee (online)

Wednesday October 5th

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

Thursday October 6th

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Facilities Committee (online)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm New Member Class (In person and online)

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Covenant Group - Herzog (Dodson)

Friday October 7th

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Toward Justice

Saturday October 8th

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

Sunday October 9th

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

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Youth Group Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Reparations Presentation (Sanctuary)

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

October Theme - Awe

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

Sunday October 9th - Inspiring Wonder, Awe and Empathy with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday October 16th - Partner Church Sunday - Transylvanian Unitarianism

Joys and Concerns

Joys

We celebrate with...

***Tony Munie**, who has recovered from multiple recent medical issues*

***Carolyn Toft**, who is home after an extended recovery from illness*

Concerns

Healing thoughts to...

***Timothy Wheatley**, who is recovering at home from recent illness*

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 October 16th

Partner Church Fund

The Partner Church Committee's mission is to maintain and foster the relationship between the First Unitarian Church and our partner church in Csokfalva, Transylvania (Romania), a relationship dating from 1991. In supporting our partner Unitarian church, we are promoting liberal religion, developing international friendships, and creating opportunities for pilgrimage, hospitality, learning and service. **Nominated by Kimberly Perry.**

Church Events

Sunday October 2nd -

Skating with Kim Event is CANCELED

Unfortunately Steinberg closed early this season!
We apologize and hope to reschedule in the spring!

Upcoming Partner Church Events

Partner Church Worship Service

Sunday October 16th 10am

Our Partner Church in Csokfalva celebrates Thanksgiving in September! A display of produce, from church members' gardens, appears during that time at the center of the church, to symbolize the bounty of the season for which all are grateful.

Be prepared for the "Transylvania Trivia" Competition at the Partner Church Dinner on Saturday 10/22/22!

More clues for Transylvania Trivia Competition Below:

- History's only Unitarian king, 21-year old Sigismund, opened a debate to decide the relative merits of the faiths competing for dominance in the country.
 - Francis David, formerly a Catholic monk who had studied in Wittenberg in the time of Martin Luther, converted to Lutheranism, then Calvinism, and ultimately adopted anti-Trinitarian beliefs.
 - Francis David helped convert King Sigismund and most of the population of Kolozsvár, Transylvania's capital, to Unitarianism before being imprisoned and martyred by the subsequent ruler of Transylvania.
 - In an era of bloody religious strife, Transylvania's King Sigismund, rather than banish competing faiths, proclaimed by the Edict of Torda in 1568 that the four competing Christian faiths — Catholicism, Lutheranism, Calvinism and Unitarianism — would all be tolerated.
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The Committee Fair is Coming!

Sunday 10/2/22 at 11:15am

Want to learn more about all the groups and ways to connect with others at 1st Church? Be sure to attend the Committee Fair on October 2nd in Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour. Committees and groups will have info about their activities and how you can join. This is a great way to make connections and support the efforts of the congregation. Those that visit ten or more tables will be entered into a raffle for one of these exciting gifts!

A Bottle of Wine

Fancy Chocolates

\$20 Gift Card to MADE: For Kids

Uhuru Reparations Presentation

Sunday, October 9th 11:30am-12:30am

Omali Yeshitela and Penny Hess will speak to our congregation about the Black Power Blueprint. BPB is a joint initiative of the African People's Education and Defense Fund (APEDF) and Black Star Industries (BSI), transforming North St. Louis through renovation, economic development and political power by and for the black community.

Religious Education This Week

Sunday October 2nd, 2022

Childcare for children birth to 3 years old available in the Nursery

10am Children's Chapel- Awe and Wonder

Children K-6th will participate in Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is a shorter, kid friendly service with lots of opportunities to move and explore. Our story will be about Albert Einstein and how his sense of awe and wonder drove his passion for discovering how the world works. Children will have the opportunity to make their own ice cream and explore with prisms, kaleidoscopes, and compasses too!

Preschoolers, OWL, and Youth Group can go straight to their classes at 10am!

Preschoolers (Nursery)

Children will enjoy the book *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss and make their own chalices with model magic.

7/8/9th Graders - Our Whole Lives - (C7)

Youth participating in OWL will meet 10am-12noon this Sunday. They will be discussing their values about sexuality and the different languages of sexuality.

10/11/12th Graders Youth Group - (C8)

Youth Groupers will meet to work on the Anansi story video they started in the summer.

Religious Education Next Sunday 10/9/22

All children and youth are encouraged to attend worship service with their families. RE Classes will start at 10:30am. OWL will not be meeting 10/9/22. Instead all 7th-9th graders will join Youth Group in preparing for the BTG Bake Sale!

Adult Religious Education

What Moves Us

1st Monday of the Month

10/3/22 through 5/1/22

Multi-Platform 6:30-8 pm

This program peels back the doctrine-rich theological language that can prevent us from affirming our faith experiences with one another and in the wider world. Through shared direct experiences and reflection exercises, readings and lessons, and ethical deliberations, What Moves Us creates an adult faith journey for Unitarian Universalists who want to preach and teach what they already experience but have not been able to

articulate: the spiritual power of our faith. Sign up online (link in Enews) or on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

New Member Orientation

Oct. 6th, Nov. 3rd, Dec. 8th

In person and online – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Facilitated by Rev. Kim Mason and 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 (link in Enews) or on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join in.

Announcements

In the spirit of regeneration

Restarting First UU Young Adults' Group

Sam Rezansoff & Brad Coleman would like to invite other 20 to 30-year-olds to restart the First Unitarian Church of St Louis young adults' group. We would like to revive some of the old traditions while creating new ones along the way. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on the sheet (paper or via the Google form).

With enough interest, we can begin planning some meetings, activities & identify ways to move forward in community. Please note that Brad & I have not organized a group like this before, so we appreciate your patience as we navigate this new realm. Google Form: <https://forms.gle/s8Bajdh8Nf3KbCtTA>

2022 First Unitarian Auction: Rekindle the Flame

November 12, 2022

Your Auction Team Needs You!

The 2022 auction, like any big endeavor, is way more fun when everybody helps, and everyone who reads this can find a way to participate. We are looking for **Operations Volunteers**, including tech-comfortable volunteers to help with the multiplatform app, help with Check-in and check-out, and physical set-up and take-down the day of the event. You can Sign-Up to Volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/Dpuw21A7h2bGPb8t5!>

We need auction items, including silent auction items, live auction items, member's handiwork, wine for the cork pull, and of course sign-up experiences. You can Donate Auction Items here:

<https://forms.gle/7b9oXpogzyo864AL8>

Flowers for Sunday Services

Many of you remember that in the before times (i.e., before the pandemic) we regularly had fresh flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. These flowers were donated by members and friends of the church – often in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special person or occasion. We are returning to this tradition beginning in October. Are you willing to help? Donating is easy – Dottie Kinscherf can take care of ordering the flowers for you and arranging for delivery. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for a specific Sunday, contact Dottie at flowers@firstuustlouis.org

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

Fall Moppet Swap

Saturday October 15, 1p - 3p

A free children's clothing and gear swap!

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