



Cornbread Communion: Thank You Party
Rev. Kim Mason
November 20th, 2022
Order of Service

We gratefully acknowledge that portions of this service are adapted from the work of Rev. Laurie Bushbaum, Rev. Dan Schatz, and Rev. Dawn Skjei Cooley, and other unknown authors

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Carole Watson

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in F Major by Vincent Lübeck*

Earl Naylor, Organist

Call into Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #324 Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads

*Where my free spirit onward leads, well, there shall be my way;
by my own light illumined I've journeyed night and day;
my age, a time-worn cloak I wear as once I wore my youth;
I celebrate life's mystery; I celebrate death's truth.*

*My family is not confined to mother, mate, and child;
but it includes all creatures be they tame or be they wild;
my family upon this earth includes all living things
on land, or in the ocean deep, or borne aloft on wings.*

*The ever spinning universe, well, there shall be my home;
I sing and spin within it as through this life I roam;
eternity is hard to ken and harder still is this:
a human life when truly seen is briefer than a kiss.*

Lighting the Chalice

Carole Watson

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

Setting the Table

Rev. Kim Mason & Danielle Kozemczak

Story for All Ages*Uncle Harry's Thanksgiving Bread*

Danielle Kozemczak

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.*
Music and lyrics by Carolyn McDade

Gratitude Practice: Thank You Party

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Call for the Offering

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

Offertory*The Ground*

by Ola Gjeilo

First Unitarian Choir

Reflection

Rev. Kim Mason

Cornbread and Cider Communion

Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.*

*Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this food we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.*

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude*Now Thank We All Our God by Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Earl Naylor, organist

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Lisa Ross and Kathy Wire
Greeters: Susan Herzberg and Susan Lammert
AV Assistant: Margaret Weck

Music Notes

Ola Gjeilo was born in Norway in 1978 and moved to the United States in 2001 to begin his composition studies at the Juilliard School in New York City. He currently lives in Los Angeles.

**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 November 20th

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

11:30 am to 12:00 pm Play Area Dedication

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Young Adult Group (Dodson Room)

Monday November 21st

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Crouch/Feinberg Covenant Group (Clark Room)

Tuesday November 22nd

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

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Finance Committee (online)

Wednesday November 23rd

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Worship Committee (C1)

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

Sunday November 27th

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

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

November Theme - Remembrance

Sunday, November 27th Worship Service with Lay Leader Dwight Homer

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

*We send our condolences to **Tom and Judi Crouch**, who lost a beloved pet this week*

Joys

*We celebrate with **Alison Lamothe**, who won the election for Madison County Board District 18*

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

Memorial for Bob Pierce
Saturday November 19th, 2022 2pm
Service in the Sanctuary
Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Designated Collection
Sunday November 20, 2022

Trinity Episcopal Food Ministry (Hot Lunch)

This program provides a weekly hot lunch to those in need. As a fellow member congregation of the Holy Ground Collaborative, First Unitarian has regularly worked to provide three of these lunches each year.

Nominated by Sam Hunt.

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

Church Events

CANCELED

Last Black Lives Matter

Social Witnessing of the Season

Due to the cold weather the Saturday November 19th vigil will not happen. This Saturday was supposed to be this year's last Saturday BLM vigil due to impending winter weather. We plan to restart in the spring once outside temperatures are comfortable.

Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 11:30am to 12:00pm

Seven Spaces Play Area Dedication

Join us this Sunday after worship service as we celebrate the official opening of the Seven Spaces Play Area. We will honor the many people who contributed to the completion of this project, including our donors, supporting members and staff, and Seasons Cycle Landscaping LLC.

This Sunday November 20th 11:30am
Young Adult Group Meeting
Meet in the Dodson Room

All friends and members in their 20s and 30s are invited to this initial meeting. This is a great chance to connect with others and make plans for the future.

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 4th (after the morning service)

Start your holidays with this fun gathering at the church. Make a yummy purchase at the Partner Church Bake Sale. Then have lunch at the sandwich buffet in Fellowship Hall (\$10 per adult, \$5 for 12 and younger, \$25 cap per family unit) Make a Christmas craft and decorate the tree in the Sanctuary. Sing Christmas tunes and welcome a chubby visitor in red who resides at the North Pole!
You will have a jolly good time.

Partner Church Bake Sale
Sunday, December 4th 11:15am
Fellowship Hall

The Annual Partner Church Bake Sale is returning to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 4th after Sunday Worship Service

Religious Education This Week

Story For All Ages:
Uncle Harry's Thanksgiving Bread

When your family gathers for a special holiday meal, what dish do you look forward to the most? Is it Grandma's pecan pie? Maybe it is your Aunt's cornbread stuffing? For Scott and Jenny Osgood it is their Uncle Harry's Thanksgiving Bread. But before they have a chance to sneak a bite, Uncle Harry appears to remind them of all the people who helped make that bread, something many of us take for granted.

All children and youth are encouraged to attend service with their families this Sunday for our multigenerational Cornbread Communion Service. **The Nursery will be open to provide childcare, however there will not be any RE classes this Sunday.**

Announcements

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Needed this Sunday!

Part of First UU's annual Thanksgiving themed service is our cornucopia! Attendees are encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable to add to our cornucopia during the service. All fruits and vegetables will be donated to Trinity Food Ministry after the service.

Women's Alliance

November 22nd Meeting - Online Only!

Women's Alliance - The Tuesday November 22nd meeting will be online only. We all have a lot on our plate with Thanksgiving coming. Pun intended.

Our Field Trip to St. Louis Public Library's Dangerous Women Exhibit will be rescheduled not canceled. See you December 13th for our annual cookie decorating and cookie exchange. Stay tuned for more information.

First Church 2022 Community Grant Awards

During the Sunday, November 6th service the First Church Community Fund (FCCF) committee announced 2022 microgrants. Funded from income from a First Church endowment now in its 37th year, the grants are awarded to community nonprofits addressing issues of poverty, homelessness and the underserved in our St. Louis community.

The FCCF committee selected thirteen nonprofits to receive a portion of the \$7600 in available funds this year. Grants ranged from \$300-\$750 and were awarded based on proposals submitted from the nonprofits specifying how money would be used and anticipated outcomes.

A Designated Collection was taken during the service. Its proceeds will be added to the endowment principle to ensure that FCCF grants continue and grow. If you would yet like to donate, you may do so anytime through the church website (see "Financial Support for First Church" page) which includes information on both on-line and "Text to Give" options. Donations may also be made by check mailed to our Church Administrator, Lynn Hunt. Check should be made out to "First Unitarian Church" and specify "FCCF" on the memo line. View the Full List of Grant Awardees here:

https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/E-News%20First%20Church%202022%20Community%20Grant%20Awards%202022_1107.docx.pdf

**Support for our Central West End Neighbors:
Trinity Episcopal Church's Food Ministry**

Trinity Episcopal Church, our CWE neighbor, created a Food Ministry many years ago to ease the burden of daily living for area individuals and families. Trinity's programming offers compassion and community along with food essentials to ease the burdens of the food insecure. In recent years, Trinity adopted a "Choice Pantry" model that permits its clients to shop bimonthly for preferred food items. Clients register their food preferences with Trinity to guide pantry stocking and donations. [Read More](#)

OP Shop Specials This Week:

Stop by the OP SHOP to pick up something special for your holiday entertaining. The OP SHOP has a big selection of dinnerware, glassware, jello molds, candle holders etc.

ACTION ALERT:

Stop Censorship of Missouri's Public Libraries

Missouri Secretary of State Ashcroft has proposed a rule called Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors. Read the details of the proposed rule to be fully informed on what restrictions this rule would require. We encourage you to submit your comments during the 30-day comment period. Secretary Ashcroft welcomes and encourages comment submission by mailing the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, PO Box 1767, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by email to comments@sos.mo.gov They must be received by Dec. 15.

You can schedule pastoral appointments with Rev. Kim at your convenience. Click on this link <https://calendly.com/kmason-7> and choose the date that works best for you - no account necessary.

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