



**Music Sunday  
with Rev. Kim Mason  
May 7, 2023  
Order of Service**

**Ringin**g of the Bowl

Judi Crouch

**Welcome and Announcements**

Judi Crouch

**Prelude**               *Suite for Cello in D Major* by J. S. Bach  
                                    1. *Prelude*

Max Ludwig, cellist

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kim Mason

**Hymn #360 *Here We Have Gathered***  
*Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;  
circle of kinship, come and step inside!  
May all who seek here find a kindly word;  
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.*

*Here we have gathered, called to celebrate  
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:  
we of all ages, women, children, men,  
infants and sages, sharing what we can.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.*

*Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:  
but in the shadows, let us not forget:  
we who now gather know each other's pain;  
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.  
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.*

**Lighting the Chalice**

Judi Crouch

## **Sung Response**

*There is always a light  
When we are ready to see it  
There is always a light  
When we are ready to be it  
To see the light, to be the light  
To raise our eyes in the dark of night  
To climb this hill  
Together, we will - Be the light*  
Words by Amanda Gorman, Music by Lea Morris

**Story Time for All Ages**      *Violet's Music* by Angela Johnson

## **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**

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

## **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.*

**Special Music**      *Missa Brevis in D Major, K. 194*      Wolfgang Mozart      First Unitarian Church Choir  
Abigail Meyers and Leanna Conrad, violin; Max Ludwig, cello      Joel Knapp, Choir Director

## **Call for the Offering**

Rev. Kim Mason

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

**Offertory Music**      *Suite for Cello in D Major* by J. S. Bach  
4 *Sarabande*

Max Ludwig, cellist

## **Reflection**

Our Heart's Own Song

Rev. Kim Mason

**Closing Hymn #326 Let All the Beauty We Have Known**

*Let all the beauty we have known illuminate our hearts and minds.*

*Rejoice in wonders daily shown, in faith and joy, and love that binds.*

*We celebrate with singing hearts the loveliness of sky and earth,  
the inspiration of the arts, the miracle of ev'ry birth.*

*Life's music and its poetry surround and bless us through our days.*

*For these we sing in harmony, together giving thanks and praise.*

**Closing Words**

Rev. Kim Mason

**Extinguish the Chalice**

Judi Crouch

**Postlude**

*Suite for Cello in D Major* by J. S. Bach  
*6. Gigue*

Max Ludwig, cellist

**Serving Us This Morning**

**Ushers: Cathy Rauch and Hunter Hart**  
**Greeters: Alison Lamothe and Steve Wilke**  
**AV Assistant: Margaret Weck**

*This morning's flowers are given in the spirit of this quotation from Nietzsche:  
"Life without music would be a mistake."*

**Music Notes**

We welcome to our service this morning Abigail Meyers (violin), Leanna Conrad (violin) and Max Ludwig (cello).

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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.



# **First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Yellow Pages**

**Weekly News from First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, Sunday April 30th, 2023**

## **Worship Service**

**Sunday May 7th, 2023**

**Music Sunday with Rev. Kim Mason**

Join us for our spring music Sunday. The choir will celebrate with a performance of Mozart's Mass in D Major

Read this Sunday's Order of Service (<https://tinyurl.com/325aapyw>)

Watch This Service on YouTube! (<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstUnitarianSTL>)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

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## **Events After Service**

**Sunday May 7th 11:30am in the Library**

**Welcoming Congregation Committee Meeting**

Join us as we work to make our church community a welcoming place for LGBTQ+ friends and members through education, awareness, and fellowship.

**Sunday May 7th 11:15am**

**Newcomer Chat (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 members of the congregation. This meeting will be in-person. Hope you can make it!

## **Religious Education This Sunday**

**Story for All Ages: Violet's Music, by by Angela Johnson**

There's nothing Violet loves more than music, and she plays or sings every chance she gets. But where are the other kids like her-kids who think and dream music all day long?

**RE Classes This Sunday!**

The Nursery will be open for childcare.

Preschoolers - Chalice Children- Teddy Bear Month, Lost

K-2nd - Wonderful Welcome - The Gift of Community

3rd-6th - History of Religion - Final Lesson and Celebration

7th-9th - Our Whole Lives - Workshop 25 Self-Care Celebration, and Closure

10th-12th Graders - Youth Group Meeting

Check out RE This Week! ([https://mailchi.mp/firstuustlouis.org/re-this-week-sunday-05\\_07\\_23](https://mailchi.mp/firstuustlouis.org/re-this-week-sunday-05_07_23))

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

Sunday May 7th

10:00 am Worship Service - In Person & Online

11:30 am Welcoming Congregations (Library)

11:15 am Newcomer Chat (Dodson Room)

Monday May 8th

6:30 pm Policy Board Meeting (online)

Tuesday May 9th

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

Women's Alliance (Fellowship Hall & online)

Wednesday May 10th

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday May 11th

4:30 pm RE Gardening Day

7:00 pm ARREST 3 - Economic Justice (online)

Saturday May 13th

10:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witness

5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

Sunday May 14th 10am - Mother's Day with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday May 21st 10am - We are Free to Learn Together! with DRE Danielle Kozemczak

Sunday May 28th 10am - Get Over Yourself: The Walls We Build with Lay Leader Tom Finan

Sunday June 4th 10am - Flower Communion with Rev. Kim Mason

### **Guest Instrumentalists for Music Sunday:**

Missa Brevis in D major (Mozart)

Abby Meyers, violin

Megan Schulte, violin

Max Ludwig, cello

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### Joys

*Congratulations to...*

*Sheryll Coulter, on receiving her MSW degree from the University of Kentucky*

## Concerns

*Sending our love to Jeanette Myers, who recently lost both her sister and sister-in-law*

*Sending healing thoughts to...*

*Jeanette Myers' daughter, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.*

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](mailto:careandconcern@firstuustlouis.org) (mailto:careandconcern@firstuustlouis.org )

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Share a Joy or Concern (<https://forms.gle/c4VnpozjVLhQoJff7>)

## **Upcoming Church Events**

### **Gardening Day!**

**Saturday May 6th 9:30am**

All the spring rain has the plants growing big- including the weeds! We need your help to keep our church looking good. Please bring a water bottle! Bringing gloves and your favorite garden tool is also recommended.

Questions? contact Danielle- [dkozem@firstuustlouis.org](mailto:dkozem@firstuustlouis.org) (mailto:dkozem@firstuustlouis.org)

### **Food, Fun, FELLOWSHIP!**

**First Unitarian FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

SATURDAY MAY 13th 5:30 – 8:30 PM

\$15 per person - \$7 children - \$10 for volunteers Honorees eat FREE!

DELICIOUS FOOD catered by Russo's

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by the First Unitarian MUUses

APPEZTIZERS and WINE provided by First Unitarian Lay Leaders

RECOGNITION of longtime members

PLUS, an evening to catch up with old friends and make new ones!

Childcare will be provided.

RSVP online or in Fellowship Hall this SUNDAY MAY 7th!

Sign-Up to Attend Fellowship Dinner

([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJhQH1e2PVo6I9eVf1mQdsM5gW9\\_MZIB6yNCudmOuXHOHWew/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJhQH1e2PVo6I9eVf1mQdsM5gW9_MZIB6yNCudmOuXHOHWew/viewform?usp=sf_link))

### **Save the Date!**

“Feel the Love” Coffee House Friday June 2nd 7pm

Flower Communion Sunday June 4th 10am

## **Church News**

The next Policy Board meeting is Monday, May 8th at 6:30 pm. All Board meetings are open to members and friends to attend. If you would like to attend please use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316430581?pwd=TVhLaWliTGpYWWhF3bnFUN2xRWUIBdz09>

## **First Unitarian Church of St. Louis**

### **Special Meeting Summary**

#### **23 April 2023 In Person and Virtual**

On Sunday, April 23 2023 a Special Congregational Meeting was conducted in person and using the electronic meeting platform Zoom. The business before the congregation was whether to approve a withdrawal from the Endowment funds to address water management repairs and refinements to our property at 5007 Waterman Boulevard, including the following projects:

- \* Replacement and modification of the Religious Education Roof
- \* Replacement or repair of the West Flat Roof
- \* Library Wall (exterior) repair
- \* Gutter Replacement
- \* Fellowship Hall Window Well Repair
- \* Hosmer Room Bay repairs
- \* The motion that we withdraw \$150,000 from the Endowment funds to address water management repairs and refinements to our property resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: 73, including online and proxy votes. NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Lamothe

## **UUA News**

### **Making a Difference With Our Words:**

Tools to help UUs thwart anti-transgender bills and attacks

Side with Love tools to Fight Anti-Trans Attacks

([https://sidewithlove.org/tools-to-help-uus-thwart-anti-transgender-bills-and-attacks?fbclid=IwAR3Rh-0zYrSvv8zlc6\\_d9PRuaweBZvVHfsbocP-v\\_x\\_r8i6jm3NVs72F9IA](https://sidewithlove.org/tools-to-help-uus-thwart-anti-transgender-bills-and-attacks?fbclid=IwAR3Rh-0zYrSvv8zlc6_d9PRuaweBZvVHfsbocP-v_x_r8i6jm3NVs72F9IA))

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>)

## **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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## **Staff**

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## **Policy Board**

Board President – Steve Wilke

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Member – Joel Hickman

Member – Susan Lammert

## **Church Council**

Cathy Rauch, Chair

Clint Cruse, Facilities

Kathy Wire, Stewardship

Lisa Ross, Social Responsibility

Kevin Kellogg, Outreach & Engagement

Sue Herzberg, Programming Cluster