



**My Resistance Playlist with Rev. Kim Mason
August 27th, 2023
Order of Service**

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Sue Fazio

Prelude

Medley of Hymns from our History

Earl Naylor, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit

*Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.*

(Chorus)

*Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.*

*Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.*

(Chorus)

*Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.*

(Chorus)

Chalice Lighting

Sue Fazio

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

Reading

from *Songs of America*

By Jon Meacham & Tim McGraw

Reflection

The Revolutionary Playlist

Rev. Kim Mason

Special Music

We Shall Be Known

By Ma Muse

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Reflection

The Abolitionist Playlist

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymns #104 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land / Swing Low Sweet Chariot

When Israel was in Egypt's land,

let my people go;

oppressed so hard they could not stand,

let my people go.

(Chorus)

Go down, Moses,

way down in Egypt land,

tell old Pharaoh,

to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,

let my people go;

to lead the tribe of Israel through,

let my people go.

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

*Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home*

*I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Coming for to carry he home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home*

(Chorus)

*If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming too
Coming for to carry me home*

(Chorus)

Joys and 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.*

Story for All Ages

We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song
By Debbie Levy

Hymn #169 We Shall Overcome

*We shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!*

*Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!*

*We shall all be free,
we shall all be free,
we shall all be free someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall all be free someday!*

Call for the Offering

Rev. Kim Mason

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

Blowin' in the Wind
By Bob Dylan

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The Civil Rights Playlist

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

*Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Building up a brand new world!*

Ain't gonna let no hatred turn me 'round...

Ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round...

Reflection

My Resistance Playlist

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #1014 Answering the Call of Love

*The promise of the Spirit:
faith, hope and love abide.
And so ev'ry soul
is blessed and made whole;
the truth in our hearts is our guide.*

Chorus:

*We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim*

we are answering the call of love.

*Sometimes we build a barrier
to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear,
unwilling to hear,
denying the beauty we've found.*

Chorus

*A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace
in ev'ry embrace,
fulfilling the vision divine.*

Chorus

Closing Words

Postlude

Hymns from the Union Movement in America

Earl Naylor, piano

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Lisa Ross
Greeters: Alison Lamothe & Tom Finan
AV Assistant: Margaret Weck

Music Notes

Hymns in the prelude: Star spangled Banner; My Country, Tis of Thee; My Eyes Have Seen the Glory; Lift Every Voice and Sing. Hymns in the postlude: As We Come Marching, Marching; Step by Step the Longest March

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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 ground.

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Weekly E-News from First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

This Sunday August 27th, 2023

10am My Resistance Playlist with Rev. Kim Mason

MLK Jr said "Songs are the soul of movement." We gather this morning to share some of our favorite protest songs and the ways they have inspired us to action and change.

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>)

This Sunday After Service

11:15 am 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 after service and meet with Rev. Kim and members of the congregation. This meeting will be in-person. Hope you can make it!

11:30 am Makers Ministry (C7)

The Makers Ministry gathers monthly to enjoy fellowship and create handmade shawls, blankets, and comfort items to share with others as a symbol of church support. Anyone is welcome to drop-in to the meetings to learn more about knitting and other crafting activities as a spiritual practice.

Religious Education This Sunday

This Sunday August 27th, 2023

NO RE CLASS this Sunday

The Nursery will be Open for Childcare

2023/2024 RE Programming Begins Soon!

SAVE the DATES!

Sunday 9/10 Homecoming Sunday!

10am Water Communion Worship Service

Sunday 9/17 RE Programming Begins

10am RE Kick Off Party! (Pre-K - 7th graders)

10am Coming of Age Orientation Part 1 (8-10th)

Sunday 9/24 11am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!

23/24 RE Registration is Now Open! (<https://form.jotform.com/232215110204131>)

Check out RE This Week! (<https://mailchi.mp/firstuustlouis.org/re-this-week-8255437>)

This Week at First UU STL

Sunday August 27th

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

11:15 am Newcomer Chat (Dodson Room)

11:30 am Makers Ministry (C7)

Monday August 28th

6:30 pm Church Council (online)

Tuesday August 29th

11:00 am Women's Alliance (online)

Wednesday August 30th

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday September 1st

12:00 pm Toward Justice (online)

Saturday September 2nd

10:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witness

Sunday September 3rd

10:00 am Worship Service - In Person & Online

11:30 am Welcoming Congregation

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday September 10th

10am Water Communion Worship Service

Ingathering: We Got Here Together with Rev. Kim Mason

What is Water Communion?

Water Communion, also sometimes called Water Ceremony, was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year (September).

Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. Rev Kim will read water source locations during this time. Locations must be submitted ahead of the service through the google form linked below.

The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.

Submit Your Water Source Information to Rev. Kim

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuS0d1JRulZxJzn01EfRvs71IUfNB5YemN7SaIYM8SARqiw/viewform?authuser=0>)

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Congratulations to Kathy and Dan Wilke, who just celebrated their 52nd anniversary!

Concerns

Our sympathy to friend of the congregation, Joanne Boulton, whose oldest brother David Magnis recently passed away.

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)

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Welcome New Member Hunter Hart!

Hunter Hart became a member of First Unitarian Church of St. Louis on June 4, 2023. He had been attending sporadically since 2008, but as he was ushering with Steve Wilke one Sunday, Steve mentioned that when he (Steve) was asked to be a board member/president, he was told he needed to be a member. So Hunter decided to become a member on the spot...on the very day of the new member luncheon!

Hunter grew up in Paducah, KY; lived in Atlanta for 25 years; then returned to Paducah before coming to St. Louis, where he worked in the office of Community Acupuncture until COVID struck, upon which he retired. He is a creative person: While in Atlanta, he learned the upholstery business and became an interior decorator. He continues to make quilts and wall hangings, as well as to help individuals with their interior decor. He is fond of cats, has an orange tabby named Zeke, and now works as a cat-sitter part-time. Other interests include the Art Museum, the YMCA (where he works out regularly), and the MO Botanical Garden (where he volunteers as a guide at the Tower Grove House).

At First Church, Hunter is in a covenant group and is on the Facilities Committee. He has been an usher, he plans to join the choir, and on Saturday, July 22, he co-chaired (with Jane Hoekelman) the very successful Facilities Work Day to spruce up the church after COVID.

Welcome Hunter!

Church News

Garden Day Saturday Aug 26th 9:30am

Meet in front of the church. Please bring a water bottle, gloves, and tools.

Save the Date! Sunday October 1st, 11:15 AM-2 PM

Congregational Outreach and Community Engagement Summit

Let your voice be heard on Sunday October 1 in our first ever Congregational Outreach and Community Engagement Summit! Reverend Mason invites all church members to share lunch and conversation as we begin to plan the next steps in our mission of "advancing justice." We will meet after services in Hope Chapel, from 11:15 AM-2 PM. Childcare will be provided. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Ushers Needed!

With a new church season upon us, we are in need of people to help with Sunday morning ushering. This is a great way to meet fellow members of the church and helps to create a welcoming atmosphere for our worship services. Please consider being a part of the usher team! Contact Lynn Hunt (Administrator) at lhunt@firstuustlouis.org (mailto:lhunt@firstuustlouis.org) or sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Recycling Responsibly

Fall is a great time to re-evaluate our living spaces and environment and deal with household clutter and accumulated paperwork. Wondering how to best manage paperwork, unwanted or nonfunctioning appliances, or outdated electronics and technology?

Midwest Recycling Services known as MRC St Louis Recycling is a resource that might help. It sponsors several area wide recycling events.

Below is a link to upcoming events. Many items are free to recycle; however, certain items may have an associated cost. When applicable, costs are clearly identified on MRC's website.

<https://mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-events>

Designated Collections Announced for the 2023-2024 Church Year

The Social Responsibility committee recently met to review Designated Collection nominations from our members and friends. The Program, common in many UU churches, has existed at First Church for almost twenty years and is one of the ways we as a congregation show our support for nonprofits and church programs focused on issues of equity, health, hunger and housing.

Usually, two Sundays per month are designated as “Special Collection” Sundays in addition to our Christmas Eve collection. Selected organizations receive all donations for a particular day with the Christmas Eve collection split between two organizations.

If you would like to donate to Designated Collections, you may do so in any of the following ways: a donation during Sunday services by check or cash; via the church website (<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/financial-support-for-first-unitarian/financial-support-for-first-unitarian>) ; or, through the “Text to Give” feature highlighted in our E-News and Sunday Order of Service.

Submitted by the Social Responsibility Committee,

Rosemary Lawton, Chair, Donald Jeffries, Kay Dusenbery, Dean Burns and Kimberly Perry

UUA News

<https://sidewithlove.org/democracy>

UU the Vote is Transforming!

When Congress returns from vacation in September, one of our key tasks will be to refocus their attention on the recently reintroduced Freedom to Vote Act (FTVA). Attempts to pass restrictive, anti-voter bills, driven by GOP legislators, continue nationwide. At least 11 states already have enacted 13 restrictive voting laws this year, creating barriers for many eligible voters but disproportionately (and intentionally) impacting youth, voters of color, and voters with limited mobility.

As of September, we’ll transform UU the Vote from a bi-annual campaign to a proactive, year-round program to advance voting rights and democracy as we add a Democracy Strategist will join the team.

Financial Support

Text to Give – Remember, you can make your Sunday morning plate donation to our Text to Give number: 833-649-0088. If you need to make changes to your account you can text EDIT to the number. For more information click [here](#).

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/financial-support-for-first-unitarian/financial-support-for-first-unitarian>)

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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