



**Life in Plastic (It's Fantastic) with Rev. Kim Mason
October 29th, 2023**

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Carole Watson

Prelude

Marche Funebre d'une Marionette by Gounod

Earl Naylor, piano

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

STLT #187 It Sounds Along the Ages

*It sounds along the ages, soul answering to soul;
it kindles on the pages of every Bible scroll;
the psalmist heard and sang it, from martyr lips it broke,
and prophet tongues outrang it till sleeping nations woke.*

*From Sinai's cliffs it echoed, it breathed from Buddha's tree,
it charmed in Athens' market, it hallowed Galilee;
the hammer stroke of Luther, the Pilgrims' seaside prayer,
the oracles of Concord one holy word declare.*

*It calls — and lo, new justice! It speaks — and lo, new truth!
In ever nobler stature and unexhausted youth.
Forever on resounding, and knowing nought of time,
our laws but catch the music of its eternal chime.*

Chalice Lighting

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

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

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

Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response #86 Blessed Spirit of My Life

*Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife;
help me live with dignity; let me know serenity.
Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion.
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.*

Video Clip

“Destroy Barbie,” from *Barbie: the Movie*

Call for the Offering

Rev. Kim Mason

Use the Online Giving QR Code on your pew QR codes card to make an online offering

Offertory

Closer to Fine Pamela Geppert & Jess Green (duet)
by Amy Ray and Emily Saliers arr. by Brandi Carlile

Gratitude

Rev. Kim Mason

Readings

“Gloria’s Monologue,” from *Barbie: the Movie* Carole Watson
“I’m Just Ken,” from *Barbie: the Movie* Mike Lunter and Dwight

Homer

Sermon

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Hymn #1007 There’s A River Flowin’ in My Soul

*There’s a river flowin’ in my soul.
There’s a river flowin’ in my soul.
And it’s tellin’ me that I’m somebody.
There’s a river flowin’ in my soul.*

*There’s a river flowin’ in my heart...
There’s a river flowin’ in my mind...*

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Danielle Kozemczak

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude

Barbie Girl by Aqua

Earl Naylor, piano

*The flowers today are given by **Karen Albin** in honor of all the wise women of this congregation, beginning with Abigail Eliot and the other women of that first group of pioneers. They set the patterns of guidance, service, and leadership that the women of this church continue today.*

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Cathy Rauch and Gary Parks
Greeters: Jeremy Colton and Kathy Wire
AV Assistant: Sarah Dashner

Music Notes

Charles-François Gounod (1818 – 1893), was a French composer who wrote twelve operas, of which the most popular was *Faust* (1859). He composed a large amount of church music, many songs, and popular short pieces including his Ave Maria and "Funeral March of a Marionette". Some of you are old enough to remember when the **Funeral March for a Marionette** was used as the theme for the Alfred Hitchcock Hour on television.

Indigo Girls are an American folk rock music duo from Atlanta, consisting of Amy Ray and Emily Saliers. "Closer to Fine " is the song Barbie sings along with on the car radio as she leaves Barbieland in the 2023 film *Barbie*. The song appears three times in the film, as well as the trailer.

Aqua is a Danish-Norwegian Europop band, best known for their 1997 single "Barbie Girl". In 2023, Aqua collaborated with Nicki Minaj and Ice Spice for the soundtrack of the film *Barbie*.

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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

Sunday October 29th, 2023

10am Life in Plastic (It's Fantastic) with Rev. Kim Mason

This summer's blockbuster hit "Barbie" was written and directed by UU Greta Gerwig. On this Sunday before Halloween we'll examine the history and heritage of Barbie and the impact of the movie.

Watch this Service on YouTube (<https://youtube.com/live/RL7QM3F0yVk>)

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**** This Sunday After Service**

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Worship Assistant Training (Sanctuary)

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

Tuesday October 31

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Women's Alliance (online)

Wednesday November 1st

10:30 am to 12:00 pm Hindsight, Humor & Hope (room tbd)

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday November 2nd

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Facilities Committee (C1 & online)

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Covenant Group - Herzog

Saturday November 4th

10:00 am to 11:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witness

Sunday November 5th

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

10:00 am to 1:00 pm Trinity Hot Lunch Prep (Kitchen)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Welcoming Congregations (Clark Room)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Membership Committee (C1)

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Lisa Ross and Chuck Eby are thrilled to welcome their first grandchild, Alessandro Eby-Vannucci, born 10/22. All are well and bonding in Seattle.

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

Submit Joy or Concern Online

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfD14K3Xr81F17IBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education This Sunday

This Sunday October 29th

First UU RE Halloween Parties

followed by Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Children and youth are encouraged to wear their costumes for our party, plus our annual trick or treat for Unicef. They will go straight to their parties upon arrival to church. They will enter the sanctuary at the end of service to collect donations and show off their costumes!

Church Events

Samhain Celebration

Sunday November 5th 5pm

Hope Chapel

The ERDE earth based spirituality group will celebrate Samhain, Sunday evening, November 5th, (5:00 pm - Chapel). We will celebrate our ties to the earth and our connection to our ancestors. Join Us!

First UU Holiday Gift Sale!

Sundays 11/12 & 11/19 11am-12:30pm

Shop early for UU books and fair trade goodies! We will be set up in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Peruse a wide selection of new titles from the inSpirit UU Bookstore! Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, and more will also be available. All proceeds will benefit the Boston Trip Fund!

Cornbread Baking Dinner

Saturday 11/18 5pm

At First Unitarian Church of St. Louis we celebrate Cornbread Communion on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Traditionally, the cornbread is made the night before by church members and friends.

This year, our bakers will gather at 5pm on Saturday evening to eat dinner together before rolling up their sleeves to make the cornbread for our Sunday Service. All are welcomed to join! Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier! Please RSVP by clicking the button below.
RSVP for Cornbread Dinner! (<https://forms.gle/okcxG9cEhR9WBbsN8>)

Church News

Religious Education November Food Drive!

Sunday November 5th - Our older RE participants will be running the Hot Lunch for Trinity on 11/5 and can deliver items in person that afternoon! Please leave your items on the cart near the front door of the church.

Sunday November 12th - The worship service on 11/12 will focus on generosity and we will enjoy the classic tale of Stone Soup. We encourage everyone to bring a food donation that day to put in our Big Soup Pot during the story!

Sunday November 19th - We will celebrate with our traditional Cornbread Communion Worship Service. Everyone is encouraged to bring in fresh food donations to place in our cornucopia during service.

FCCF Announce Fall 2023 Grants

During the Sunday, October 15th church service the First Church Community Fund (FCCF) committee announced grants for Fall 2023. Grants are awarded to community nonprofits serving the poor, unhoused, and underserved in our St. Louis community. The FCCF committee selected twelve nonprofits to receive a portion of the \$7800 in available Fund income this year. Grants averaged \$650 and were awarded based on strength of proposals, anticipated impact, fit with our church values and mission, and focus.

Recipients included:

All Nana's Kids Closet

Americorps STL

Caring for Kids

City Garden Montessori

Crime Victim Center

Grace and Peace Fellowship

Mental Health Collaborative/ Casa de Salud

Metro Trans Umbrella Group

The Just Food Truck

Unleashing Potential

Welcome Neighbor

Wellston Loop Community Development Corporation

Read More About FCCF Grants

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/news/2023/10/19/fccf-awards-fall-2023-grants>)

Foster a Cat????

We have been contacted by a UUA staff person in the New England Region who is looking for someone to foster a cat from now till the end of the month or early November. The cat is a friendly stray and will have all his shots. If you are interested and able to help in this situation please contact administrator Lynn Hunt (lhunt@firstuustlouis.org (mailto:lhunt@firstuustlouis.org)) and she will connect you with the UUA staff person. Thanks!

Upcoming Worship Services

November Theme: Generosity

Sunday November 5th Partner Church Sunday

Sunday November 12th Wider Circles with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday November 19th Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday November 26th Question Box with Rev. Kim Mason

Pastoral Appointments

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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