



Make Channels for Streams of Love
Rev. Kim Mason
January 21st, 2024
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Bethany Miscannon

Prelude

Toccata Quarta by Girolamo Frescobaldi

Earl Naylor, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #299 *Make Channels for the Streams of Love*

*Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run;
and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.*

*But if at any time we cease such channels to provide,
the very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried.*

*For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above;
we cease to give, we cease to have — such is the law of love.*

Chalice Lighting

Bethany Miscannon

Sung Response#1058 *Be Ours a Religion*

*Be ours a religion which like sunshine goes
Everywhere, its temple all space, its shrine the good heart,
Its creed all truth, its ritual works of love*

Story For All Ages *Shared Values Wonder Box*

Danielle Kozemczak

Children's Recessional #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

Prayer

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Reading From *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds* Bethanny Miscannon
by adrienne maree brown

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 *But Beautiful* First Unitarian Church Choir

Gratitude Rev. Kim Mason

Reading *Choose to Bless the World* by Rebecca Ann Parker Bethanny Miscannon

Sermon Make Channels for Streams of Love Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn #131 Love Will Guide Us

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

*If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.*

*Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.*

Closing Words Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice Bethanny Miscannon

Postlude *Toccata Quinta* by Girolamo Frescobaldi Earl Naylor, organ

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Lisa Ross & Chuck Eby
Greeters: Kathy Wire
A/V Assistant: Mitch Kraus

Music Notes

Girolamo Alessandro Frescobaldi (1583-1643) was a musician from Ferrara, one of the most important composers of keyboard music in the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods. Girolamo Frescobaldi was appointed “organist” of St. Peter’s Basilica. Pieces from his celebrated collection of liturgical organ music, *Fiori Musicali*(1635), were used as models of strict counterpoint as late as the 19th century.

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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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Worship Service

Sunday January 21st, 2024

Make Channels for Streams of Love with Rev Kim Mason

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We continue our exploration of the proposed UU values with a month on the value of Love.

Watch this Service on YouTube (https://youtube.com/live/IJAEvW_OE8M)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

**** This Sunday After Service**

11:30 am to 12:15 pm 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 to 12:30 pm Young Adult Group (Clark Room)

Join us as we discuss plans for February! All friends and members in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join us!

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

Monday January 22nd

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Church Council (online)

Tuesday January 23rd

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Women's Alliance (Fellowship Hall and online)

Wednesday January 24th

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Worship Committee (C1)

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday January 28th

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

11:15 am to 1:30 pm Congregational Outreach and Community Engagement Summit II (Chapel)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Makers Ministry (C7)

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

We send healing thoughts to...

Joan Oliver, who is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

Carol Watson, who is home recovering from cellulitis after a hospital stay

Our condolences to Gwenne Hickman, whose mother passed away on Christmas Day.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrfkA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8IF17IBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Death of Long Time Member Dori Miller

We are saddened to inform you that long time member, Dori Miller, passed away on December 30, 2023. Dori was currently active in the Women's Alliance and is fondly remembered by all for her cheerful disposition and kind manner.

Our sympathy to her children, Lucia, Valerie and Harry, and the rest of her family. A Memorial Service is being planned for early March -- details to follow. You can read her full obituary here - <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stltoday/name/dolores-miller-obituary?id=54037348>

Religious Education This Sunday

RE Classes Meeting this Sunday!

* Youth participating in Coming of Age will meet with their mentors at 10am in Fellowship Hall

* Children are encouraged to start in service with their families. After the Time for All Ages, children can go to their classes.

* The Nursery will be open for childcare.

1/21/24 Time for All Ages: Article II Wonder Box

The process of updating our shared values can be confusing and complicated! Danielle is going to break it down for everyone using some props and audience participation!

Upcoming Services

Sunday January 28th Ethic of Love with Rev. Kim Mason

bell hooks' classic, All About Love, defines an ethic of love which is the key to our collective liberation struggle. Where can we apply an ethic of love in our lives and communities?

February Theme: Justice and Equity

Sunday February 4th Breath of Fire with Rev Kim Mason

Sunday February 11th Education for All with Danielle Kozemczak

Church Events

Mid-Winter Meeting

Saturday January 20th 5:30pm

All members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to participate in the annual Mid-Winter Meeting. Join friends old and new for a potluck dinner and an update from the Policy Board. Childcare will be available!

Sign-Up to Attend!

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf00nTsvGhUXmnjcZoMSv7V7p0LPJqIQJJ2N9rnUw7vO0HpHw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Can't make it in person? You can join us virtually for the business part of the meeting at 6:45 PM. Just click the link below!

Mid-Winter Meeting Zoom Link

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796011744?pwd=RW1RKzIzSdEc4NFo4b2Y5UU9uUHZTQT09>)

Congregational Outreach and Community Engagement Summit II

Sunday January 28, 2024 11:15 am -1:30 pm

Building on our work in the first meeting, in Part 2 we will review how to evaluate and choose social justice projects, and decide which specific projects to pursue. All are welcome, even if you were not able to attend the first meeting! (Please see Gene and Dottie's excellent summary

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/news/2023/11/13/our-congregational-outreach-and-social-justice-initiative-by-gene-rubin-and-dottie>) of our initial Summit on Oct.2, and contact Lisa Ross with any questions.)

RSVP for Summit II (<https://forms.gle/5xj77X8VspvKnm5VA>)

The Unfish Fry

Friday February 23rd 5:30pm-7pm

The Unfish Fry Crew will be serving an all vegetarian meal that will be open to the public and we need your help! If you are interested in helping in any way: from cooking at church or baking at home to selling tickets or helping wash dishes and cleaning up, please join us! Being part of the Unfish Fry crew is a great way for new or long-term members to have fun getting to know people. Please click the button below to sign-up as a volunteer.

Volunteer for Unfish!

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjrTCmG8TEfqmmC0rceIWYgV3MPHLTpiT6cJ2zTkZ0dTXiAQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Church News

First Unitarian Church of St Louis

Policy Board Meeting Summary

January 8, 2024 Virtual

The Board unanimously approved Rev. Kim's formal request for a four-month sabbatical beginning January 2025. The Policy Board will serve as the Sabbatical Committee and has already started planning. The official announcement will be made during the mid-Winter Meeting.

The Board also approved a motion to allow Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) to collect signatures for a minimum wage ballot initiative in Fellowship Hall after the service on Sunday, January 14. The ballot initiative would raise Missouri's minimum wage. The initiative aligns with this congregation and UUA's support of workers' rights. Susan Lammert will provide more details about the ballot initiative in the church newsletter.

Margaret Weck, Chair of the Nominations Committee, joined this month's Board meeting to discuss the Board positions that will be coming open in May and that her committee will be recruiting members to fill. We seek a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and one to two Trustees. Margaret is also looking for church members to join her on the Nominating Committee.

Policy board members who attended the January 7 small group conversations about Israel and Hamas thanked Rev Kim, Mike Lunter, and Lisa Ross for creating a welcoming space for people to express their grief and sadness. The conversation circles allowed people to engage on this challenging topic with honesty and vulnerability.

Plans for the Mid-Winter Meeting on Saturday, January 20, concluded the meeting. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. and includes dinner, small group conversation, an update on the roof repairs, and more on the UUA's proposed Article II amendment that acknowledges "Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values." We hope to see lots of folks at the meeting! *|END:IF|*

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis has an official TikTok channel! One of the best ways to grow our community is to share our stories. You can help out by sending a one minute or less video telling everyone who you are and why YOU are UU! Please send your videos to: mhurst@firstuustlouis.org (mailto:mhurst@firstuustlouis.org?subject=UU%20Video)

Follow First UU's TikTok Channel (<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT84oXuQM/>)

First Church "Little Free Pantry"

Located in the center of the church parking lot, our Little Free Pantry is a way to share basic necessities with our local friends and neighbors. Bring an item when you come to church or sign up as an individual or group to sponsor stocking the pantry for a week. Click the button below to view the Sign-up Sheet.

During the winter we ask you not to bring canned goods, as they can freeze and explode. Other ready to eat food items are welcomed, along with hand warmers, hygiene supplies, and clothing items such as socks, gloves, and hats. Thanks for helping us keep the pantry stocked during the cold months!

Little Free Pantry 2024 Sign-Up

(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DvpGPfJrviYZyi7E0nCfIHSRGGD3OtpOSBtG5BvsC44/edit?usp=sharing>)

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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