



Ethic of Love
Rev. Kim Mason
January 28th, 2024
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome and Announcements

Mike Lunter

Prelude

Elevation by Francois Couperin

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

Mike Lunter

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

Love is Powerful by Heather Dean Brewer

Danielle Kozemczak

Children's Recessional #118 This Little Light of Mine

Joys and Concerns

<https://forms.gle/15M1BsWzbuoy62FE9>

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Prayer

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Hymn #1009 Meditation on Breathing

*Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out*

*When I breathe in,
I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out,
I'll breathe out love.*

Readings

I Corinthians 13:4-8

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If bell hooks Wrote First Corinthians by Tess Baumberger

Call for the Offering

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

Offertory

Seasons of Love by Jonathan Larson

Members of the Choir

Gratitude

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Sermon

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Closing Hymn #1014

*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

Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice

Mike Lunter

Postlude

Fugue sur les Trompette by Francois Couperin

Earl Naylor, organ

Serving Us This Morning

Ushers: Stephany Kniep, Rosemary Lawton & Stan Lawton

Greeters: Susan Lammert & Sherry Bassi

A/V Assistant: Mitch Kraus

Music Notes

François Couperin (1668 –1733) was a French composer, organist and harpsichordist. He was known as *Couperin le Grand* ("Couperin the Great") to distinguish him from other members of the musically talented Couperin family. Only one collection of organ music by Couperin survives, the *Pièces d'orgue consistantes en deux messes* ("Pieces for Organ Consisting of Two Masses"), the first manuscript of which appeared around 1690.

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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 28th, 2024

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?

Watch this Service on YouTube (<https://youtube.com/live/sX7FglPlzMs>)

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

**** This Sunday After Service**

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Fair Trade Sale (Fellowship Hall)

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>)

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

Tuesday January 23rd

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

Wednesday January 31st

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

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday February 1st

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

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

Sunday February 4th

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

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

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

11:30 am to 1:00 pm Membership Committee (C1)

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

Healing thoughts for Joel Knapp's wife Deanna who was recently diagnosed with cancer has an upcoming surgery

Condolences to Steve and Denise Jacobson, on the recent death of Denise's brother, Gerard

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)

Memorial Service for Dori Miller

Saturday, March 9 at 2 pm

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. A memorial service is planned for Saturday March 9th at 2pm. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. 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.

Children and teens are encouraged to start in service with their families. After the Time for All Ages, they can go to their classes. The Nursery will be open for childcare.

Story for All Ages: Love is Powerful, by Heather Dean Brewer and illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Mari and her mom make a sign with crayons and join a march to spread their message to the world- Love is Powerful. But will the world hear their message? This story is a reminder of what young people can do to promote change and equality at a time when our country is divided by politics, race, gender, and religion.

Sunday February 11th 2024

Education For All Worship Service and SECC Art Supply Drive Kick-Off

On Sunday February 11th Religious Education will lead a worship service on the importance of education for all people. This service will also serve as a kick-off for our Southside Early Childcare

Center Art Supply Drive! Click the button below for a list of needed items. Art Supplies can be brought to church on Sunday 2/11 or 2/18.

List of Needed Art Supplies

(<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/Art%20Supply%20Flyer.pdf>)

Upcoming Services

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

Gimme Shelter: Understanding and Addressing Housing Insecurity in St. Louis and Beyond Thursdays (February 8, 15, 29 and March 14) 6:30-8:00 PM

Join us for a series of four discussion sessions (February 8, 15, 29 and March 14) to understand more deeply the scope of housing insecurity in our region, including its intersections with gender, race, and class; the barriers to change, from individual to system-level; and avenues for change, from policy to direct service. The first three sessions will be facilitated by speakers from a variety of the agencies in the St. Louis region addressing housing issues, with suggested reading and short videos made available to participants. All session will be virtual. For more information check out this Session Outline (<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/sites/default/files/GimmeShelterSessionOutline.docx.pdf>) .

Register for Gimme Shelter (<https://forms.gle/ErQkdNZqqmwcsJeUA>)

Love @ the Center - Spring Session

Wednesdays February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20

6:30 - 8 pm online AND in-person

Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Bylaws, Principles and Purposes, is the foundation for all the work of our UUA and its member congregations and covenanted communities. Most remember Article II as our 7 Principles and 6 Sources, which articulate our denominational agreements and name our spiritual and religious foundations. UUA Bylaws require that we revise Article II on a regular schedule. The 2023 proposed revision of Article II is a radical re-visioning that invites us into dialogue with one another about the values of our shared faith community.

We are in a one year discernment period, after which delegates to General Assembly 2024 will vote to accept or reject the proposed Article II revision. Want to learn more? Interested in being a 2024 GA delegate? Wrestling with how this will shape the future of our faith communities? Join Rev. Kim for a four-session small group exploration of the proposed Article II.

This four-session program engages you in the Purposes, Values and Covenant, Inspiration, Inclusion and Freedom of belief of the proposed Article II which will be voted on at General Assembly 2024. Sessions are 90-minutes, every other Wednesday, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, online AND in-person. This is a covenant-based program that requires participants attend all four sessions. The Zoom link for the sessions will be emailed the week before Session 1.

Register for Love @ the Center (<https://forms.gle/aZ8eH8S6RW6PTs9h8>)

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)

Myers Briggs Class

Thursdays, March 7 thru April 4 (skipping 3/28)

(from 6:30 to 8pm)

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) The Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator is a self-report inventory designed to identify a person's personality type, strengths, and preferences. Class begins Thursdays, March 7 (from 6:30 to 8pm) thru April 4 (skipping 3/28) taught by Kimberly Perry and Hunter Hart. Each class will focus on one of the categories that make up the four-letter combinations. This is a powerful tool in understanding how we process information according to each typology. Please take, before class, the free MBTI online at <https://www.truity.com/test/type-finder-personality-test-new-split>. Read instructions carefully and bring results with you. Sign-up online by clicking the button below or in Fellowship Hall. For more info contact Hunter Hart or Kimberly Perry.

Register for Myers-Brigg Class

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkSevkUD4g_wJgbYpzFBijwhHV5GH1Bon0FSYcAAZIbyM3KA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Church News

The Makers Ministry meeting has been moved from this Sunday 1/28 to next Sunday 2/4. This is to allow members to attend the community engagement summit.

Democracy and Church Governance

Church governance at First Unitarian Church of St. Louis depends on your participation and involvement. One of the principles/values of Unitarian Universalism (stated in the Fifth Principle and in the Justice Value statement) is the use of (small “d”) democratic processes in congregational governance. As we enter the US Presidential Election year it may be helpful to remember that the exercise of democracy occurs at all levels of civic life including this church, and one of the necessary elements of robust democratic governance is participation.

The congregation votes on the leadership of our church and all of the candidates are required to come from the congregation. People have to be members in good standing for at least one year to serve on the Board and at least three years to serve as President. We have leadership opportunities at all levels, from volunteering to be an usher, through being a committee chair or cluster coordinator, to serving as a Board Member or Officer.

The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee is in the process of identifying those who are willing to take their turns at leadership for the coming church year. Different offices have different terms of service. This year's slate is looking for individuals to fill one three-year terms for Outreach and Social Action Cluster Chair, several Policy Board positions and candidates to serve one year terms for Church Council Chair, Treasurer, President, and Vice-President.

Please seriously consider your ability to participate in our congregational governance. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Margaret Weck, chair of the NLDC. If you don't volunteer, you may still be approached by the NLDC and we hope you will seriously consider that ask when it is made. WE are the church.

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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Church Council

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