

Football is Life with Rev. Kim Mason February 25th, 2024 Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl Sue Fazio

Welcome and Announcements Sue Fazio

Prelude Prayer by Leon Boellman Earl Naylor, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #124 Be That Guide

Be that guide whom love sustains. Rise above the daily strife: lift on high the good you find. Help to heal the hurts of life.

Be that helper nothing daunts—doubt of friend or taunt of foe.
Ever strive for liberty.
Show the path that life should go.

Be that builder trusting good, bitter though the test may be: through all ages they are right, though they build in agony.

Be that teacher faith directs.

Move beyond the old frontier:
though the frightened fear that faith,
be tomorrow's pioneer!

Chalice Lighting Sue Fazio

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

The Brave Little Parrot a Jakata Tale from India

Children's Recessional#118 This Little Light of Mine

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

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Prayer Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #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.

Reading Outside/Inside by Laura Bogle

Sue Fazio

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 A Beautiful Noise by Alicia Keys and Brandi Carlile MUUses

Gratitude Rev. Kim Mason

Sermon Football is Life Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,

for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,

circle for the planet, circle for each soul,

for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Closing Words Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice Sue Fazio

This morning's flowers are given by **Kathy and Jim Wire** to celebrate our special congregation, with friends new and old.

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Lisa Ross and Chuck Eby
Greeters: Sherry Bassi and Stephany Kniep
A/V Assistant: Sarah Dashner

Music Notes

Léon Boëllmann (1862 – 1897) was a French composer of Alsatian origin, known for a small number of compositions for organ. His best-known composition is *Suite gothique* (1895), still very much a staple of the organ repertoire, of which this is the second movement.

Flor Peeters (1903, 1986) was an important Belgian composer, organist and teacher. Probably his most famous American pupil was Paul Manz. His beginning method book was for many years one of the most used teaching methods in this country, and was the book used by the current organist of First U when he was in high school.

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Dietrich Buxtehude's Fugue in C Major is commonly referred to as the "Jig Fugue" because of the lilting 12/8 time signature. This work is thought to be the inspiration for J.S. Bach's Fugue in G major (Fugue a la Gigue), composed a few years afterwards.

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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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