



**Transforming Love**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**Order of Service**

<b>Ringing of the Bowl</b>		Dwight Homer
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Dwight Homer
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Festive March</i> , by Ernst Kroeger	Earl Naylor, organ
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Rev. Kim Mason
<b>Hymn #269 Lo, The Day of Days Is Here</b>		
	<i>Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>At the south wind's genial breath — Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Fields are smiling in the sun, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia! ‘</i>	
	<i>Tis the spring-tide of the year, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Join, you people all, and sing — Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!</i>	
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>		Dwight Homer
<b>Sung Response #362 Rise Up, O Flame</b>		
	<i>Rise up, O flame,</i>	
	<i>by thy light glowing,</i>	
	<i>show to us beauty,</i>	
	<i>vision, and joy.</i>	
<b>Story For All Ages</b>	<i>The Story of Jesus Part 1 - Palm Sunday*</i>	Danielle Kozemczak
<b>Reading</b>	<i>At the Gate</i> by Molly Housh Gordon	Dwight Homer

**Canvass Campaign**

Sarah Francois & Erin Milligan

**Canvass Affirmation**

Chris & Annette Peterson

**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.*

**Story For All Ages**

*The Story of Jesus Part 2 - Good Friday\**

Danielle Kozemczak

**Reading**

*At the Cross* by Molly Housh Gordon

Dwight Homer

**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**

*Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

First Unitarian Church Choir

**Gratitude**

Rev. Kim Mason

**Story For All Ages**

*The Story of Jesus Part 3 - The Empty Tomb\**

Danielle Kozemczak

**Reading**

*At the Tomb* by Molly Housh Gordon

Dwight Homer

**Reflection**

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**Closing Hymn #266 Now the Green Blade Riseth**

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

(Chorus)

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:

(Chorus)

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Love's touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

(Chorus)

**Closing Words**

Rev. Kim Mason

**Extinguish Chalice**

Dwight Homer

**Postlude**

*Toccata from Symphony V*, by C. M. Widor

Earl Naylor, organ

\**The Story of Jesus* is based upon the books: *Meet Jesus* written by Lynn Tuttle Gunny Illustrated by Jane Coneth-Morgan and *Easter* by Gail Gibbons

*"This morning's flowers are given in awe of Spring awakening."*

**Serving Us This Morning**  
**Ushers: Lisa Ross and Charles Eby**  
**Greeters: Kathy Wilke**  
**A/V Assistant: Tom Finan**

#### Music Notes

**Ernest Richard Kroeger** (1862 - 1934) Kroeger was appointed "Master of Programs" on the Bureau of Music of the St. Louis World's Fair (1904) giving him complete supervision of the musical programming at the fair. He invited the world's greatest organists to give recitals, planned a series of great orchestral and choral concerts and arranged for competitions in all forms for musical composition.

Kroeger held organist positions at several St. Louis area churches including Grace Episcopal, Trinity Episcopal, and Church of the Messiah (Unitarian), now named First Unitarian Church, where we are today

**Charles-Marie Jean Albert Widor** (1844 –1937) Widor wrote music for a wide variety of instruments and ensembles and composed four operas and a ballet, but only his works for organ are played with any regularity today. These include: ten Organ Symphonies, three Symphonies for orchestra with organ, *Suite Latine*, *Trois Nouvelles Pièces*, and six arrangements of works by Bach under the title *Bach's*

*Memento* (1925). The organ symphonies are his most significant contribution to the organ repertoire. Today's selection is from his fifth organ symphony, the famous toccata.

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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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