



Music Sunday with Rev. Kim Mason & First Unitarian Church Choir
April 21st, 2024
Order of Service

Ringing of the Bowl

Adam Lunter

Prelude

Prelude in C Major by J.S. Bach

Earl Naylor, organ

Welcome

Adam Lunter

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #134 Our World is One World

*Our world is one world:
what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about,
the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.*

*Our world is one world:
the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes,
with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.*

*Our world is one world:
its ways of wealth affect us all:
the way we spend, the way we share,
who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?*

*Our world is one world:
just like a ship that bears us all:
where fear and greed make many holes,
but where our hearts can hear a different call.*

Chalice Lighting

Adam Lunter

Sung Response #362 Rise Up, O Flame

*Rise up, O flame,
by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty,
vision, and joy.*

Story For All Ages

How Coyote Lost Music

Danielle Kozemczak

Children's Recessional #118 This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Special Music

Stabat Mater by Giuseppe Verdi

First Unitarian Church Choir

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response #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.

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

Ave Verum by Mozart

First Unitarian Church Choir

Reflection

Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn #108 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,

when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!

To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;

when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Extinguish Chalice

Adam Lunter

Postlude

Fugue in C Major by J.S. Bach

Earl Naylor, organ

*Today's flowers are given by the **Coltons** in honor of Emily's mother, Valerie Saiving, pioneering feminist theologian.*

Serving Us This Morning

Ushers: Susan Lammert & Larry Dusenbery

Greeters: Sherry Bassi & Steve Wilke

A/V Assistant: Mike Lunter

This morning's guest musicians are:

Dr. Michael Mishra, guest conductor

Erika Lord-Castillo, violin

Max Ludwig, cello

Hannah McCauley, viola

Abigail Meyers, violin

Lindsay Wolfford, bass

Music Notes

This prelude is often referred to by its time signature. 9/8 (three beats per measure, each divided into three eighth notes). The first four measures of the manual and the opening statement of the pedal part contain all the thematic material that Bach needed for four pages. The fugue is incredibly well crafted, with over fifty statements of the motive. It begins normally, and then turns the theme upside down for the next section. Next the regular and inverted themes are used together, and finally the pedal comes in with note values doubled (augmentation) to bring the fugue to a glorious conclusion.

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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, April 21st 2024

Worship Service

Sunday April 21st Music Sunday with Rev Kim Mason

Join us for our spring music Sunday! The choir will celebrate with two special performances, including Mozart's Ave verum corpus (with Dr Michael Mishra conducting) and Verdi's Stabat Mater (with a string quintet).

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

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 FCCF Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)

The First Church Community Fund (FCCF) holds its annual bake sale and raffle, "Goodies for The Good", on Sunday, April 21, following the church service. Proceeds from the event benefit a church endowment which for almost 40 years has ensured annual microgrants to community nonprofits serving the poor, marginalized and underserved.

We are pleased to again have Brits Bakery as a sponsor. Brits joins our First Church star bakers in offering a selection of delicious treats for your enjoyment during our Fellowship hour or to take home. A fun selection of raffle items will also be available.

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

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Trans 101 Speaker (Chapel)

Please Bring Donations for the MTUG Pantry!

Welcoming Congregations is excited to host Abby Mueller, Educational Coordinator from MTUG (Metro Trans Umbrella Group), who will provide a session about gender concepts/diversity, terminology, misconceptions, pronouns, legislation, advocacy and more. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn together. Please join us!

To support the important mission of MTUG, church members are asked to bring contributions of food items or toiletries that will be donated to MTUG's community center. Items that are particularly appreciated include canned fruit, meats and soup; shelf-stable milk, including plant-based milk; snacks; microwavable meals, makeup and BIPOC hair products. A box for donations will be in the front entranceway on Sunday, April 14th as well as Sunday, April 21st.

Learn more about MTUG here: <https://www.stlmetrotrans.org/>

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

Monday Apr. 22, 2024

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

Tuesday Apr. 23, 2024

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Women's Alliance Lunch & Program (Fellowship Hall & online)

Wednesday Apr. 24, 2024

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

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday Apr. 27, 2024

10:00 am to 11:00 am Black Lives Matter Social Witnessing (Kingshighway & Waterman)

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Affirmation Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday Apr. 28, 2024

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

10:00 am to 11:00 am Affirmation Sunday (Sanctuary)

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

11:30 am to 12:15 pm Newcomer Chat (Dodson Room)

Upcoming Services

Sunday April 28th Affirmation Sunday with COA Class

Our Coming of Age participants have spent this past year exploring their own beliefs and values. This service is a culmination of their program where youth can share their personal belief projects. As a congregation we will celebrate their faith journeys.

Please contribute to the COA Congregational Blessing!

Part of Affirmation Sunday will be a congregational blessing. This is a collection of blessings and wishes from parents, mentors, and others in our church.

Please click below to share any wishes or hopes for the mentees we will be celebrating. You can enter as many as you want! They can be for individuals or the group as a whole. Thanks!

Submit Blessings Here (<https://forms.gle/iV5bmVzn91fvQL5y8>)

May 2024

Theme: Pluralism

Sunday May 5 Flower Communion with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday May 12 Mother's Day Service with Rev. Kim Mason

Sunday May 19 RE Sunday Service with Danielle Kozemczak

Joys and Concerns

Concerns

*Sending healing thoughts to **Mike Nolan**, who is at home recovering after a recent hospital stay*

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)

New Member Bio: Caitlin Hill

Caitlin Hill started attending virtual services during 2021, and finally got around to signing the book in February 2024. She loves the openness of this church and the lovely welcoming community, as well as the great programming for her children. She is a stay-at-home mom to Kira, age 9, and Seamus, age 5. During her free time she loves doing community theatre, which is where she met her husband. She is so excited to be an official part of this community and hoping to continue to help out wherever she can!

Religious Education This Sunday

RE This Sunday 4/14/24 - RE Classes will Meet!

All children and youth are encouraged to start in worship service this Sunday with their families. After the Story for All Ages children and youth will exit to go to their classes. The nursery will be open for childcare.

Story for All Ages: How Fox Lost His Songs, Music, And Dance

Fox's friends are getting on his nerves! He decides he doesn't need them because he has everything he needs- his fire, his flute, his drum, singing and dancing. Fox sets out on his own, ignoring his friends Rabbit and Owl. Soon he forgets how to sing his songs, and then he forgets how to play music!

For More RE News Click Here (<https://mailchi.mp/firstuustlouis.org/re-this-week-sunday04212024>)

Church Events

Sunday May 5th 11:30am

Beltane Celebration hosted by ERDE

All are welcome to this family friendly event

Beltane, also called May Day, is a pagan holiday that marks the halfway point between the spring equinox and the coming summer solstice. It represents the peak of spring and is associated with fertility, bonfires, and of course the May pole dance. We will be dancing around our own May pole! Activities will also include a honeycomb communion and meditation. Join us in the Hope Chapel for this lively celebration! Everyone is welcome.

Annual Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 5:30pm to 8:30pm

(Gather - 5:30, Dinner - 6:00, Program - 7:00)

\$15 per person - \$7 children 12 and younger - \$5 discount for volunteers

This special all-church, intergenerational dinner, recognizes church leaders and longtime members. We need everyone to be there - old members and new, adults aging gracefully and young adults alike - to celebrate and get to know each other better! Childcare will be provided. Please click the button below to sign up and let us know if you can volunteer to help with this event. You can also sign up during coffee in Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Dinner Sign Up

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvjYtE-coghlfi9ryi6-O9cHaNC-b-7E8fkd-2MG3KVOw4bQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Notice of Annual Meeting

Sunday May 19, 2024 11:30am

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis will take place on Sunday May 19, 2024 at 5007 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, MO 11:30 am.

The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in person and using the electronic meeting platform Zoom which will be hosted within the boundaries of the City of St. Louis.

General Business before the congregation will include:

* To receive and consider the Annual Report, current financial & budget reports, and to consider for election the persons presented by the Nominating Committee.

* Presentation of the William W. Ross Award and the Melanie and Anthony Fathman Award.

Final agenda and Nominating Committee report will be published no later than May 10, 2024.

A voting member of the congregation (as defined in the By-laws Article III, Section 5) is a: . . . Member who is present at a Congregational Meeting at the time of any vote and who has been a Voting Member for thirty days prior to that Meeting is eligible to vote, except as provided in Section 2 of Article VIII of these Bylaws..

Church News

Accident at Emerson UU Chapel in St Charles

A pickup truck crashed through the wall of Emerson UU's building on Saturday April 13th. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time of the crash. However, their building took significant damage.

The congregation is expected to continue clean up and potentially move its gatherings to a different location for the foreseeable future. A GoFundMe page was created to aid in its rebuilding efforts.

Please click the button below to donate.

Emerson UU's GoFundMe Page

(<https://emersonuuchapel.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1ef8b3e214b5d53289db39a3&id=3a6dd934bd&e=58601b3a16>)

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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** Website (<https://www.firstuustlouis.org/>)

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