



Easter Sunday: Rise and Rise Again

Revs. Kim Mason and Sabrina Trupia

April 5th, 2026

Ringing of the Bowl

Welcome

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Prelude *Psalm 42* by Alfred V. Fedak

Allen Hoffman, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Opening Hymn #269 *Lo, The Day of Days is Here*

Allen Hoffman

Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!

Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!

At the south wind's genial breath — Alleluia!

Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!

Fields are smiling in the sun, Alleluia!

Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!

Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia!

'Tis the spring-tide of the year, Alleluia!

Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!

Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!

Join, you people all, and sing — Alleluia!

Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Sung Response

Allen Hoffman, piano

Come as we light this candle of memory.

Come as we light this candle of hope.

Come as we light this candle of reverence.

Come into the flame. Come into the flame.

Words and Music by Tony Fathman

Reading

Holy Week Triptych: At the Gate

Rev. Kim Mason

By Molly Housh Gordon

Community Response Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Song *Rise Up* by Andra Day Caitlin Hill, soloist

Reading *Triptych Part II: At the Cross* Rev. Kim Mason
By Molly Housh Gordon

Community Response Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response #123 Allen Hoffman, piano

*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 *Triptych Part III: At the Tomb* Rev. Kim Mason
By Molly Housh Gordon

Community Response Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Call for the Offering Rev. Kim Mason

Offertory *Praise the Lord* by George Frideric Handel First Unitarian Choir
Joel Knapp, director

Gratitude Rev. Kim Mason

Connection Moment Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Summary & Reflection Rev. Kim Mason

Closing Hymn: We Rise by Batya Levine

*We rise, humbly hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to guide us
Rise!*

*[Refrain]
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here*

*We rise, all of the children
Rise, elders with wisdom
Rise, ancestors surround us
Rise!*

[Refrain]

*In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here*

*We rise, up from the wreckage
Rise, with tears and with courage
Rise, fighting for life
We rise!*

[Refrain]

*In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here*

*We rise, humbly hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to guide us
Rise!*

Closing Words

Rev. Sabrina Trupia

Postlude *Prelude on Ellacombe* by Alfred V. Fedak

Allen Hoffman, organ

*This morning's flowers are given by **Joan Kindleberger** who wishes a Happy Easter to all.*

Serving Us This Morning
Greeters: Margret Weck and Jamie Laing
Ushers: Sue Herzberg and Jan Herzog
A/V: Roz Cook

Music Notes

Alfred Fedak, born in 1953, is a Canadian composer known for choral and organ compositions and arrangements.

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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 grounds.

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Weekly E-News from First Unitarian Church of St. Louis

Worship Service

Sunday, April 5th 2026

Rise and Rise Again with Revs. Kim Mason and Sabrina Trupia

Join us this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the story of Jesus and find inspiration for our lives today. This service is for all ages.

April 5th Designated Collection - Wellston Loop Community Development

The Wellston Loop Community Development Corporation (WLCDC) located in the Wells Goodfellow Neighborhood began in 2002 focused on economic development. In 2017 it began offering food and supplies to residents, many of whom are chemically dependent and living in area abandoned housing. Its aid efforts multiplied in recent years, particularly with the advent of COVID. To serve its clients, It formed partnerships with a number of area nonprofits to provide a wide range of services including mental health, substance abuse treatment, food, clothing, toiletry and hygiene supplies, and wound care. This past winter it provided 15 beds each night for the homeless. WLCDC staff are guided by a commitment to the inherent worth of their clients and values of justice, equity and compassion. Nominated by Rosemary Lawton.

You can make your donation by putting cash or check (with Designated Collection in the memo line) or by using the QR code at the end of these announcements. Thank you for your generosity.

Watch on YouTube Here

<https://youtube.com/live/npFW1F53eXo>

This Week at First UU STL

Monday, April 6th, 2026

5:00 pm - 6:00pm - Mural Painting
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Social Justice Committee (online)

Tuesday, April 7th, 2026

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Women's Alliance - (online)
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Human Rights Social Witnessing (Kingshighway & Waterman) - Postponed due to road construction on Kingshighway
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee (online)

Wednesday, April 8th 2026

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Facilities (Clark Room)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship Committee (C1 and online)

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Indigenous Missouri (offsite presentation)

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

10:00 am - 11:00 am -- Worship Service (in person and online)

Upcoming Services

April Theme - Embracing Possibility

April 12th, 2026 - Unwritten: Embrace the Possibility with Annette Peterson
April 19th, 2026 - Earth Day: My Neighbor Totoro with Rev. KIm Mason
April 26th, 2026 - A Brief History of the Future with Rev. Kim Mason

Joys and Concerns

Joys

*Congratulations to **Jonathon Hunt** (father of RE participants Tyler and Caleb and son of Lynn Hunt) who will be married to Courtenay Johnson Yaeger on April 7th.*

Concerns

*It is with sadness that we inform you that **Deacon Barbi Click** passed away on March 13, 2026. She led the food ministry at Trinity Episcopal for many years and many of us know her through our participation in the Trinity Hot Lunch program. She will be missed.*

*Sending healing thoughts and prayers to **Peggy Feinberg** who was recently in the hospital.*

We hold in our hearts those who are experiencing difficulties at this time.

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://forms.gle/PwiiwMGuMuvUB6g2A>

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday April 5th - Children and Youth attend the intergenerational Easter service. Egg hunt after the service.

The nursery is open for younger children.

Click on the QR Code to register children and youth for Religious Education.



Church News & Events

Count Your Blessings To multiply joy, count your blessings - J. Priestly

Many, Many Thanks to all who have turned in a Pledge!

The Annual Canvass is officially over -- you have pledged \$422,235.00 (or 99%) of the goal. You can still make a pledge and close our gap or even put us over the goal! Remember to pick up a thank you magnet clip in Fellowship Hall.

(Please note: this pledge is for the Fiscal Year that runs July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Thank you for your continued support of your First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

Emily Jaycox, Canvass Chair

Church Mural Emerging!

Art Education student, Claire Bennett, has been laying the ground work for our church mural on the wall of the first floor of the Religious Education wing. Claire put together an outline using elements submitted by church members and children and has painted in the background. We will paint the rest! The RE children got things started last Sunday. Hope you can help with this wonderful project.

Monday, April 6, 5 pm before the Social Justice meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 11 am before the Women's Alliance meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 5-7:30 before Choir rehearsal

Sunday, April 26, after church

**Love at the Center Book Club and Environmental Justice Task Force
April 19th (11:30 am in The Chapel)**

Justice on Earth

This highly anticipated anthology presents a powerful and penetrating look at environmental justice from some of the key thinkers and activists in Unitarian Universalism today. Fourteen activist ministers and lay leaders apply a keen intersectional analysis to the environmental crisis, revealing ways that capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, and other systems of oppression intersect with and contribute to ecological devastation. They also explore how spiritual practices, congregational organizing, and progressive theology can inform faith-based justice work in the twenty-first century. (UUA Bookstore)

The First Church Community Fund (FCCF) is holding its annual bake sale

“Goodies for Good” on Sunday, April 19th following the church service. Shop a scrumptious selection of breads, scones, pastries and cookies to enjoy during Coffee Hour or take home. New this year is a Pie Auction featuring a yummy selection of pies by our talented First Church bakers. Payment may be made by either cash or credit card for baked goods and by credit card for the Pie Auction.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the First Church microgrant program which offers grants to local nonprofits delivering essential services in our community.

Treat yourself while doing good!

**Extend Earth Day by participating in Carpool/Bike to church on
Sunday, April 26th, 2026**

Sponsored by the Environmental Task Force

Please join us for a litter pick-up on Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 AM.

For liability reasons, this activity is limited to adults only.

First U. is responsible for doing litter pick-ups along Forest Parkway between Big Bend and Skinker Boulevards, four times a year. You may have noticed the roadway “adoption” signs with our name on them along that segment of Forest Parkway! This location is especially significant to us since the street is adjacent to the main campus of Washington University, which was founded by our Unitarian “ancestor,” William G. Eliot.

We will gather in the parking lot north of Snarf’s (360 N. Skinker Blvd.), where the sign specifies parking for Grace Methodist Church and Snarf’s.

Those interested can enjoy lunch together after our work is complete. Snarf’s has delicious sandwiches, soups, etc. available.

Please let Tom Crouch know by Friday, April 17, if you can help. Thank you!

**Indigenous Missouri: An overview of our State's Tribal History from the Paleolithic
to the Present**

**Please join us at the Missouri History Library and Research Center for a
presentation**

by Brady Wolf, Curator of Indigenous Collections

Saturday, April 11, at 1:30 pm

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

Please sign up so that they will know how large of a group to accommodate.

MISSOURI HISTORY LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER

<https://mohistory.org/library/>

225 S. Skinker Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63105

Phone: (314) 746-4500

(Please note, this is NOT the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park but their Library and Archives on S. Skinker across from the park.) Click here for directions and parking.

<https://mohistory.org/library/hours-and-directions>

Women's Alliance April Programming

April 14- 11:30 -Brown Bag Lunch 12:30 – Carpool to Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. 63108 314-373-8200 <https://cathedralstl.org/> 1:00 – Guided Tour of Cathedral Basilica, 1 hour

April 28 11:45 Potluck – Invite other UU women's groups 12:00 Lunch and visit

Save the Date -- Fellowship Dinner Honoring New and Long Time Members May 9th, 2026

The Last Mile of the Way

Community event: Invitation to a one-act play, *The Last Mile of the Way*.

It depicts the historic encounter between Dr. King and Rev. Earl Nance of the Greater Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, shortly before Dr. King's assassination. Local playwright Gregory Carr's work sits at the intersection of African American history, community memory, and the arts.

The event is a fundraiser for CEL, an organization using design to enhance public life and public space through exhibitions, public art, architecture, design, community planning and new technology for historically under-resourced neighborhoods. CEL recently launched a website as part of the "Remaking America's Beloved Streets" initiative, in which CEL joins other organizations working with community memory to revive Dr. Martin Luther King Drive corridors across the country.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/edbcffb767a944d5b852109af74a5f00>

WHAT: One-act play, *The Last Mile of the Way*, about MLK's visit to St. Louis shortly before his death.

WHERE: Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust Street

WHEN: Friday April 10, 6:30pm

TICKETS: \$25.

Questions? Contact Emily Jaycox

Women's Weekend 2026

To all UU members and friends who identify at the female end of the spectrum--You are cordially invited to attend Eliot UU Chapel's (St. Louis, MO) Women's Weekend 2026! Please join us on May 15, 16 & 17 at Toddhall Retreat Center in Columbia, Illinois, to retreat, relax, and find community among other women.

Workshops include personal labyrinths, A Course in Miracles, stained glass tee shirts, meditation, and beginning tap dancing! There will also be a nature walk, a percussion circle, other art activities, a bonfire, massage therapists, and a whole lot of community! Choose to attend Saturday only, Friday evening through Saturday, or Friday evening through early Sunday morning. Registration is open now through April 12, 2026. Visit us online at eliotwomensweekend.com. Questions? Please email womensweekend@eliotchapel.org. We'd love to see you there!

Freedom School Volunteer Readers

Sign-ups are now open for volunteering to read aloud to the scholars at Freedom School at First Unitarian this summer.

As a guest reader, you will have the opportunity to be introduced to our scholars, sharing information about your role in the community. The read-aloud session is a brief yet impactful 10-minute segment during our Harambee gathering, starting at 8:30 am. We kindly request that you arrive by 8:20 am to prepare for the session, with the full Harambee ending at 9 am.

While the read-aloud time exposes scholars to our site library and favorite books, it also allows community members like yourself to witness the significance of the CDF Freedom Schools program and reinforces the importance of reading for everyone. We ask community members to come and read to our scholars and then stay for the full Harambee experience, where you can observe and engage with our scholars as they begin their day with energy and enthusiasm.

You can sign up for 1 or more dates at this link: [First Unitarian Church \(St. Louis City\)](#)

The director will follow up with you to see if you would like to bring your own children's book or if you would prefer us to provide one for the read-aloud session.

Online Giving is Easier than Ever Before!

Our online giving platform, Vanco, is now easier to use than ever before. You can easily set up regular pledge payments, donate to specific funds or purchase tickets to church events on our new web based site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCVK/home>) or you can install the app on your phone (this is ideal for Sunday morning offering). Use the QR code below to download the app. Any questions – contact Administrator, Lynn Hunt.



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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