



Breathing Life Into Life: Music Sunday

Rev. Kim Mason

May 11th, 2025

Order of Service

Ringling of the Bowl & Welcome

Sue Fazio

Prelude

Little Organ Mass: Movement 1 (Kyrie)
by Joseph Haydn

First Unitarian Church Choir
Joel Knapp, Director
Allen Hoffman, organ

Call to Worship

Rev. Kim Mason

Opening Hymn #326 Let All the Beauty We Have Known

Allen Hoffman

Let all the beauty we have known illuminate our hearts and minds.
Rejoice in wonders daily shown, in faith and joy, and love that binds.

We celebrate with singing hearts the loveliness of sky and earth,
the inspiration of the arts, the miracle of ev'ry birth.

Life's music and its poetry surround and bless us through our days.
For these we sing in harmony, together giving thanks and praise.

Chalice Lighting

Sue Fazio

Sung Response

Allen Hoffman

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

Time for All Ages

Musical Imagination

Rev. Kim Mason

Children's Procession #118 This Little Light

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.

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Kim Mason

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kim Mason

Sung Response #123 Spirit of Life

Allen Hoffman

*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.***Special Music**

Little Organ Mass: Movement 2-5
(Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus)
 First Unitarian Church Choir
 by Joseph Haydn

Anna Roach, soloist
 Joel Knapp, Director
 Allen Hoffman, organ

Call for the Offering

Rev. Kim Mason

Offertory

Little Organ Mass: Movement 6 (Agnus Dei)
 by Joseph Haydn

First Unitarian Church Choir
 Joel Knapp, Director
 Allen Hoffman, organ

Reading*Music Is...* by Nick Cave

Sue Fazio

Reflection

Breathing Life Into Life

Rev. Kim Mason

Hymn #61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Allen Hoffman

Lo, the earth awakes again — Alleluia!

From the winter's bond and pain.

Alleluia! Bring we leaf and flower and spray — Alleluia!
 to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true,

Alleluia! All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!

Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!

Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!

And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!

How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!

How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

Closing Words

Rev. Kim Mason

Postlude*Seven Fold Amen Chorus* by Lutkin

First Unitarian Church Choir
 Joel Knapp, Director

On this Mother's Day, this morning's flowers are "From me, once and always, your son."

We thank our guest musicians: Max Ludwig, cello, Abigail Meyers, violin I, Leanna Conrad, violin II

Special thanks to Anna Roach.

Serving Us This Morning
Ushers: Stan and Claire Birge
Greeters: Larry Dusenbery and Kathy Wire
A/V Assistant:

Music Notes

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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.

First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Yellow Pages

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

Worship Service

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Breathing Life into Life: Music Sunday - Rev. Kim Mason

Author Elizabeth Gilbert wrote: "What you produce isn't always sacred. What is sacred is the time you spend working on the project and what that time does to expand your imagination, and what that expanded imagination does to transform your life." Join us for our spring music Sunday and let the music of Haydn's Little Organ Mass give life to your imagination.

Designated Collection - Women's Alliance Scholarship Fund

The Women's Alliance Scholarship Committee awards a one-year scholarship to a woman who is active in an area UU congregation and is pursuing post-high school education. This worthy program relies on the Designated Collection as one of its primary sources of funding.

You can make your donation by putting cash in the plate on Sunday morning or a check with Designated Collection in the memo line. Or you can use the QR code at the end of these announcements for your donation. Thank you!

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/HS-n7drfFeg>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81842582434?pwd=dThVUXR1clhTMVBFBmRYa0l3OVlKZz09>

This Week at First UU STL

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

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

Monday, May 12th, 2025

11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Grief Circle (Dodson Room)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Policy Board Meeting (online -- Please Note: All Board meetings are open for members to attend as observers. Contact Administrator Lynn Hunt for the zoom link)

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Women's Alliance - Business Meeting, Lunch, Program (in person and online)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Personnel Committee (online)

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Human Rights Social Witnessing (Kingshighway)

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

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

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Annual Meeting (Sanctuary and online)

Upcoming Services

May 2025 Theme - Imagination

May 18th, 2025 - Religious Education Sunday - Rev. Kim Mason

May 25th, 2025 - tbd

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Concerns

Healing thoughts and prayers to **Kaidynn Evans** who has several health issues.

Our sympathy to **Derrick Green** whose mother recently passed away.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrftkA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8lF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday 5/11 10am-11am

Children will proceed to classes after the Story for All Ages.

Nursery is open for younger children.

Church News & Events

Grief Circle - Monday, May 12th (11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Dodson Room)

This open/drop-in group meets on the second Monday of the month (May 12th). It is a chance for all who are experiencing varieties of grief to gather and share their feelings. Facilitated by Rev. Mason.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis will take place on Sunday May 18, 2025 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.

[Read the full notice here.](#)

Save the Date!

Fellowship Dinner - May 31st (5:30 - 8:30 pm)

Annual Fellowship Dinner & New Member Recognition

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 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, longtime members and NEW 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 sign-up below and let us know if you can volunteer to help with CLEAN UP of this event. You can also sign up during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Love at the Center Book Club. Next meeting time is Sunday June 1 at 7PM (Zoom). We will be exploring the theme of transformation and discussing *Tattoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle.

Travel opportunities to Transylvania are available this summer! Trips for hiking or for visiting historical sites are being offered. See the Flyers posted in Fellowship Hall or contact Kimberly Perry. Robert Kokenyesi will be traveling to Csókfalva our partner church in Transylvania this summer to attend our partner church minister's installation as accredited minister. YOU too could go to Transylvania!!

Women's Alliance Scholarship

The Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis Announces its Scholarship Competition for the academic year 2025-2026

Materials due by July 31st, 2025

Initiated by a generous bequest from the estate of Edna Landzettel, a lifelong teacher and proponent of the importance of education in a woman's life, the scholarship will be given to a woman who is 21 years or older, responsible financially for continuing her education, a member or active friend of a Unitarian Universalist church or fellowship in the region and a registered student.

The award of \$5,000 will be made on the basis of scholarship, character and need.

[To apply you can download a full packet of information \(including printable application and reference form\).](#)

Or [Apply Online](#) and submit the [Online Reference Form](#).

Social Justice Opportunities Facebook Page

The social justice committee has created a Facebook group page for sharing of information about social action opportunities in a timely fashion. The page is called First Unitarian St. Louis Social Action Opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/910632344477376/>

It is a closed group, so you have to request membership, but membership is open to all members and friends of First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

Margaret Weck for the Social Justice Committee

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.



Pastoral Appointments

To set-up an appointment with Rev. Kim, please use this link: <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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