



**Interdependence Day
Rev. Kim Mason
July 6th, 2025
Order of Service**

Ringling of the Bowl & Welcome

Sarah Dashner

Prelude *12 variations on Ah, vous Dirai-je, Maman* by Mozart

Allen Hoffman, piano

Call to Worship

Sarah Dashner

Opening Hymn #317 We Are Not Our Own

Allen Hoffman, piano

*We are not our own. Earth forms us,
human leaves on nature's growing vine,
fruit of many generations,
seeds of life divine.*

*We are not alone. Earth names us:
past and present, peoples near and far;
family and friends and strangers
show us who we are.*

*Therefore let us make thanksgiving,
and with justice, willing and aware,
give to earth, and all things living,
liturgies of care.*

*Let us be a house of welcome,
living stone upholding living stone,
gladly showing all our neighbors
we are not our own!*

Chalice Lighting

Sarah Dashner

Sung Response

*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	<i>From You I Receive</i>	Rev. Kim Mason
Joys & Concerns		Rev. Kim Mason
Prayer		Rev. Kim Mason
Sung Response #123		Allen Hoffman, piano
Reading	<i>Belonging</i> by Rosemary Wahtola Tromer	Sarah Dashner
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	<i>Rainbow Connection</i> by Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher	Allen Hoffman, piano
Gratitude		Rev. Kim Mason
Reading	from <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> by Robin Wall Kimmerer	Sarah Dashner
Sermon	Interdependence Day	Rev. Kim Mason
Closing Hymn #134 Our World Is One World		Allen Hoffman, piano
<i>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.</i>		
<i>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.</i>		
<i>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?</i>		
<i>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.</i>		
Closing Words		Rev. Kim Mason
Postlude	<i>Selections from Variations on America</i> by Charles Ives	Allen Hoffman, organ

Serving Us This Morning

Greeters: Kathy Wire and Sidney Watson

Ushers: Nadine Vlietstra and Gary Parks

A/V Assistant: Mindy Allen

Music Notes

Collaboration can be a building upon others' accomplishments. The 12 Mozart variations are based on an old French folk song. In turn, the tune was later reworked into a song so well-known that people are surprised to learn its origins.

"America" is a re-setting of the British "God save the king." Ives developed this set of variations in his typically unorthodox style. Although the composition dates from 1891, the title lends itself a special kind of irony in today's environment.

One License reprint and podcasting license #731812-A
WORSHIPcast License 12857

**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

(314) 361-0595 5007 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108 <https://www.firstuustlouis.org/>

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

Worship Service

Sunday, July 6th, 2025

Interdependence Day - Rev. Kim Mason

The African philosophy of Ubuntu says, "I am because We are," and describes a belief that you cannot be human alone. On this Independence Day weekend we remember our inherent interconnectedness.

Watch this Service on YouTube!

<https://youtube.com/live/OSI9lnM7j7w>

Join Virtual Coffee Hour After the Service!

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

This Week at First UU STL

Sunday, July 6th, 2025

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

Monday, July 7th, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Social Justice (online)

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Women's Alliance (online)

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Facilities (in person and online)

Thursday, July 10th, 2025

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Care and Concern (online)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Executive Committee (online)

Sunday, July 13th, 2025

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

Upcoming Services

July 13th, 2025 - Musings on the Divine Mystery with Dr. Scott Sinclair

July 20th, 2025 - Is THAT really in the Bible 2! Breaking to Electric Boogaloo with Steve Wilke and Kathy Wilke

July 27th, 2025 - A Celebration of Global Friendship with Annette Peterson

Are you resilient?

Do you want to be?

During the Sunday service August 17th, we will be celebrating resilience.

We are looking for members and friends to be a part of this service by sharing a reflection, story, poem, or music on the theme of resilience.

We can work with you on development and presentation of your offering if you wish.

Please contact Tom Finan, Annette Peterson, or Lynn Hunt if you are interested in participating.

Joys and Concerns

Joys

Concerns

It is with sadness that we inform you that member **Sedgewick (Sedg) Mead** passed away on June 26, 2025, from complications of Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy. Our deep sympathy to his wife, **Catherine Perry**, and two daughters, **Nellie and Margie**, and the rest of the family. A Memorial Service is planned for July 28th (2:00pm) at the 9th Street Abbey.

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/1FAIpQLSdeSrfikA6h7HR77ZJfDI4K3Xr8lF17lBeY9tZgdzU_bjkTVw/viewform)

Religious Education for Children

This Sunday 7/06 10am-11am

Religious Education Summer Break – Children are invited to attend the service with their families. Nursery is open for younger children.

Church News & Events

UUA Disaster Relief Funds

In the aftermath of the May 16th tornado, Saint Louis and First Unitarian are still cleaning up, repairing and rebuilding. It is a slow process as so many homes and businesses were impacted. However, we are pleased to announce that the UUA accepted a Disaster Relief grant request from the congregation for \$50,000.

The UUA Disaster Relief Fund "is part of a covenant—a covenant between the UUA and congregations, between congregations who give generously and those in need, and with our community partners." The funds from the UUA will go towards four areas:

- repair and clean up efforts to our building at 5007 Waterman
- grants of up to \$1000 to members and friends of the congregation to help with insurance deductibles/repairs
- grants of up to \$1000 to residents of North St. Louis to help with insurance deductibles/repairs
- a \$10,000 grant to Centennial Christian Church for clean up and rebuilding efforts

The funds will be dispersed to us shortly and we will announce how to apply for/receive grant funds. Any unused funds will be disbursed to North City residents for repair and rebuilding costs.

This grant from the UUA is a reflection of our interconnection at work. Being part of a denomination meant that we had a partner to lean on when disaster happened. Stay tuned for how you can send your thanks and appreciation to UUA for this generous gift.

Beyond Earth Day: Climate Revival 2

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

1:00 - 3:00 pm

First Unitarian STL

Join congregations from across the St. Louis region as we learn and lament, regroup and recommit ourselves to the work of environmental justice in the Saint Louis region and beyond. Connect with area non-profits working in environmentalism, conservation, education, advocacy, art and more. Hear from leaders and volunteers in environmental justice about what sustains them and keeps them in the work. Register here: <https://forms.gle/FdqyJbgmGuU9B3zU7>

Upcoming First Church Volunteer Activity-Sunday, July 27th- Trinity Hot Lunch

Our Central West End neighbor, Trinity Episcopal Church, operates an ongoing food ministry that includes a food pantry and a Sunday Hot Lunch program. Both have operated for more than 30 years with assistance from area churches and the community. You may have noticed our collection baskets for Trinity food donations in Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, July 27th, First Church members and friends can support the Hot Lunch program by preparing a meal for approximately 100 in our Fellowship Hall kitchen and transporting and serving it at Trinity. This is a great multi-generational volunteer activity that benefits our neighbors in need. Food prep begins at about 10 am and concludes at Trinity at 3 pm with clean up. Volunteer shifts are available throughout the morning and afternoon, permitting helpers to participate in preferred ways and shifts. You can also support our effort by donating home-baked cookies.

Volunteers may sign up by accessing our [online volunteer form](#) or in Fellowship Hall. Let us know who we can expect to see on the 27th as well as when and how you will help. Please keep us posted regarding any changes in your availability.

For questions, email Administrator Lynn Hunt (lhunt@firstuustlouis.org)

A schedule of volunteers and assignments will be emailed as confirmation the week prior to the event.

Hope to see you!

The Social Justice Committee,
Annette Peterson, Chair

Designated Collections Nominations Now Being Accepted

Our Designated Collection program arises out of our UU principles; particularly our reverence and respect for human nature and commitment to justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Through the program, First Church Members and Pledging Friends may nominate area nonprofits, or First Church programs and projects, to receive the proceeds of Sunday plate collections. Approximately two plate collections monthly are dedicated to the program along with our Christmas Eve collection.

Selections are based on nominees' consistency with First Church's mission and values as well as core focus, programmatic impact and connection to our First Church community.

[Nomination forms are easily completed on-line by clicking on this link here.](#)

Forms may also be downloaded and must be completed and be received by Monday, July 14th to be considered.

Nonprofits selected for the program will be highlighted in our Fall E-News and in Sunday service announcements throughout the year.

Questions may be directed to Administrator Lynn Hunt.

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.



Our Mission

We strive to be a welcoming congregation, inspiring lives of loving kindness and integrity by nurturing spirituality, building community, and advancing justice

=====

** Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitarianSTL>)

** https://www.instagram.com/first_unitarian_stl/ (https://www.instagram.com/first_unitarian_stl/)**

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

** YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstUnitarianSTL>)

** TikTok (<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT84oXuQM/>)

Our mailing address is:

5007 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108

(314) 361-0595

Staff

Rev. Kim Mason, Minister **Pastoral Appointments**

To set-up an appointment with Rev. Kim, please use this link: <https://calendly.com/kmason-7>

Michele Grove, Interim Remote Director of Religious Education (mgrove@firstuustlouis.org)

Lynn Hunt, Administration & Programs (lhunt@firstuustlouis.org)

Augustine Underwood, Office Asst. (aunderwood@firstuustlouis.org)

Allen Hoffman, Organist

Joel Knapp, Choir Director

Moe Hurst, A/V Technician (mhurst@firstuustlouis.org)

Policy Board

Board President – Kathy Wilke

Vice President – Chris Kocher

Secretary – Sidney Watson

Treasurer - Margaret Weck

Member – Chris Kocher

Member – Betty Neill

Member - Carl Bassi

Member - Mike Bray

Member - Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant

Member - Lisa Ross

Church Council

Cathy Rauch, Chair

Tom Finan, Facilities

Kathy Wire, Stewardship

Fran Hoffman, Outreach & Social Responsibility

Erin Milligan, Outreach & Engagement

Grace Munie, Programming Cluster