

Act Your Age

March 18, 2018

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful
Arr. John Innes

Welcome

Marissa Rossine
Rev. Benjamin Maucere

Stewardship Testimonial

Dot Christenson

Doxology

*From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows;
The seekers of the light are one.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Chalice Lighting

Coral Morehouse

Blessed is the fire of our faith and the chalice of our community.
Blessed is the living tradition that we carry forward in our work and in our love.
Blessed is the transient flame we kindle here,
Blessed is the illuminated moment of our gathering.
Blessed is the light of the eternal;
Blessed is the sacred call of life to which we give ourselves in answer.

Time for All Ages

Meredith Plummer, DFP

Children's Recessional

*You bring us hope and help to see our future world that's yet to be.
You teach us much as years go by. You are our strength, our joy, our pride.*

Pastoral Hymn

#90 *From All the Fret*

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

Vision Song

Shelley Jackson Denham

*We are a liberal religious haven, welcoming wonder, and spiritually free.
We're sustained by a loving tradition, moved and inspired by the future we see.
Boldly seeking and working for justice,
gently transforming lives through deeds great and small.
Young and old, sharing meaning and mission,
we joyfully offer our vision to all!*

Meditation

Prayer

Musical Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Return Again/Hasivenu First Unitarian Singers
Beth Norton

Sermon

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Closing Hymn

#131 *Love will Guide Us*

Benediction

Postlude

The Days of Wine and Roses
Arr. Dan Coates



Next Sunday, March 25 – Bart Campolo – *Youth* - UC Humanist Chaplain Bart Campolo will speak to us about connecting with and nurturing goodness in today's young people, both individually and as a congregation. Whether we have kids of our own or not, Bart is convinced that each of us can and should find a way to help develop the next generation of truly wonderful human beings.

The Flowers Today are a “Happy March Birthday” bouquet given by Mary Mark and David Johnson. Say “Happy Birthday” to Mary, whose birthday is also in March!

Sunday Morning Volunteer Program (MVP) Team Three is handling the duties of greeting, ushering, providing coffee service and clean-up today. Team Three is led by Linda Miltner. She is joined by Sallie Barringer, Lela Cooper, Laurie Frank, Barbara Homlar, Jack Niehaus, Denis Olden and Kate Rosselot.

Sound Technician: Sallie Barringer

Assistive Listening Devices for people needing hearing enhancement are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

All are invited to write their **Joys and Sorrows** in the book at the back of the sanctuary.

Wonder Questions

- Why do think the little parrot continued to try to put out the fire when it was clear that her little drops were not enough?
- Why do you think the God who changed into an eagle decided to help the little parrot?
- What fires do you see around you? What will you risk to fight them?



ESPECIALLY FOR VISITORS

We're delighted you're here! Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation. Stop by the Welcome Counter (as you entered the building) to sign up for our newsletter so you can get a sense of the interesting events and efforts at First Church.

Have questions about Unitarian Universalism or First Church?

Come to a casual information session to get your questions answered.

The next Visitor Orientation is Sunday, April 8 after the service. We will meet in the Fisher Room (just beyond the coffee). Childcare is provided; we'll be finished by noon. No need to RSVP.

Ready to join? If you've been visiting for a while and have participated in an orientation, it may be time to officially join First Church. **Our next opportunity to join First Church is Sunday, April 15** right after the service. Please contact Carol Lloyd at calloyd1102@gmail.com or 513.515.6891.

TODAY

Today's Family Programming Volunteers: Jana Albritton in the Infant/Toddler class, Kara Uhl in Prekindergarten and Kindergarten, Adam Sickmiller and Casey Titschinger in First to Third, Carly Wise and Betsy Wones in Fourth and Fifth.

Today in Sunday School your child in prekindergarten and kindergarten will wonder about stars. Your child in the first to third grader will learn about Harriet Tubman. Your fourth and fifth grader will hear the Biblical story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. As for our youth, they're headed to DartRush in Newport for a fun youth outing.

Used Books for sale outside the sanctuary are donated - all of the money goes to the church. Please browse. Dan Zavon, 513. 259.6831 - dzavon@cinci.rr.com

You are cordially invited to Thursday night choir rehearsals on March 22 and 29 at 7:00 to rehearse the "Hallelujah Chorus" to be sung on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Bring your own copy or borrow one of ours, but it's sure to be a fun time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Have you had “The Talk” yet? If you haven’t discussed the amount of your financial pledge for the upcoming fiscal year with your significant other (or perhaps yourself), please do so soon! Then send us your generous **pledge decision** at canvass@firstuu.com or by clicking on the Giving tab at www.firstu.church. Show that you, too, know that this is *The Right Church at the Right Time*.

Sun., March 25, 11:15 a.m. - Peace Committee Open Forum in the Ellen Hall Room. Last segment of our Immigration Series with continued local focus. All are welcome. Ann Black, [513-563-8467](tel:513-563-8467)

Sun., April 1 – 11:15 a.m. - Gathering with First Church friends and newcomers with food is a great way to celebrate the season of revival. There will be a Spring Potluck Brunch following the Easter Service. Bring a yummy dish to share and \$1 for the dishwashers. Easter hats or foolish attire is optional. Bev Baker for Community Builders, 513.478.9465, bev.baker87@gmail.com

Fri., April 6 – 7 to 9:30 p.m. - Plan to join fellow First Church "players" for an evening of games of chance, skill and all-around fun. Games will vary from Scrabble to euchre to The Game of Enlightenment. There will be something for everyone! There will be light snacks and drinks available for no charge, although BYOB is allowed. \$5 donation is recommended for a great night out! Watch for more details in the Order of Service and Announcement List Serve to tell you how to sign-on for an evening of gaming fun! Sponsored by Community Builders, Sherri Wellington, [614.499.7485](tel:614.499.7485) or sherriwellington1@gmail.com

Thanks to all of the donations for the Carter Memorial Fund. The balance is nearly enough to renew the grants to all of the agencies we supported last year. Special thanks are due to the very generous donations of \$1000 and \$500. Donations are welcome at any time, but to be included in the grants for this year please make them before March 25, when the committee will meet to decide on grants. Make checks to First Church with Carter Fund on the memo line. Ann Retford, 513.562.0522, aret1@fuse.net.