

Today's Music

Today we welcome back guest musician, Neill Eisenstein!

Prelude: *Now With the Dawn the Sun Wakes*
Vittoria Aleotti (c1574-after 1646)

Musical Meditation: *The Swan* from "The Carnival of the Animals"
Camille Saint-Saens

Offertory: *Joyful Joyful*
Christina Harmon

Recessional: *You Are the New Day*
John David/ arr. Peter Knight

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Joel Batterman Anita Jones

Today's Greeters: Dan Wiest Colin Gillis

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers. **CD recordings** of today's service will be available for \$5 from our sound technician in the Social Hall after the service.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

*First Unitarian-Universalist
Church*

January 4, 2015

A Resolution of Joy

Rev. Roger Mohr



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for
spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit**

OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together* #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Auld Lang Syne (see insert)

#118 *I'm On My Way*

Welcome – Irene Brisson, Trustee

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #350 *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath*

Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Sing-a-long: Auld Lang Syne*

words by Robert Buyrns (translated), old Scotch Air

1. Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind ?
Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne* ?

**CHORUS: For auld lang syne*, my dear, for auld lang syne*,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.**

2. And surely you'll buy your pint cup ! and surely I'll buy mine !
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

3. We two have run about the slopes, and picked the daisies fine ;
But we've wandered many a weary foot, since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

4. We two have paddled in the stream, from morning sun till dine ;
But seas between us broad have roared since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

5. And there's a hand my trusty friend ! And give us a hand o' thine !
And we'll take a right good-will draught, for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

**Syne is pronounced like "sign" rather than "zine"*

**According to Wikipedia, "The song's Scots title may be translated into English literally as "old long since", or more idiomatically, "long long ago", "days gone by" or "old times". Consequently "For auld lang syne", as it appears in the first line of the chorus, might be loosely translated as "for (the sake of) old times"."*

Reading: #536, "Morning Poem"

Every morning the world is created.

*Under the orange sticks of the sun the heaped ashes of the night
turn into leaves again*

And fasten themselves to the high branches-and the ponds appear like
black cloth on which are painted islands of summer lilies.

*If it is your nature to be happy you will swim away along the
soft trails for hours, your imagination alighting everywhere.*

And if your spirit carries within it the thorn that is heavier than lead- if
it's all you can do to keep on trudging-

*There is still somewhere deep within you a beast shouting that
the earth is exactly what it wanted-*

Each pond with its blazing lilies is a prayer heard and answered
lavishly, every morning,

*Whether or not you have ever dared to be happy,
whether or not you have ever dared to pray.*

~Mary Oliver

Announcements and Events – January 4, 2015

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to clean and update the Church Office. A date has not been set, however, the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for hard working individuals that would like to assist. You do not have to be a member of the Building and Grounds Committee to help. Please see or contact Tim Bailey at tbailey44444@yahoo.com.

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Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

All are welcome to join us after the service in the Social Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

Vespers Wednesday

The January Vespers service on the 14th at 6 pm in the parlor will feature a wide variety of GLBTQ poets and poetry. Sherry Welles will read selections from a favorite gay poet of hers, and we'll have the traditional reading from Garrison Keillor's book. All the music will be from lesbian singer the wonderful K.D. Lang. Please spread the word and consider coming as well. Al Acker

Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on an index card which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get a chance to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Congregation-wide Book Read

We invite you to join us in reading excerpts from two very informative, interesting books: *Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality* and *Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists*. We have a few copies to lend, as well. Let Kathe Stevens know if you would like to borrow a book or Kindle.

Please see Kathe Stevens or Irene Brisson during coffee hour to sign up to participate in the discussion by January 4th so we know how to plan the event. Watch the order of service or ask any Task Force member which excerpts we have chosen to read. We will begin discussing the book excerpts after church on January 25th.

Activities In and Outside the Church

- 1/4* **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, “A Resolution of Joy.” As we begin the New Year, it is a time for resolutions. As we make commitments to recreate our realities, let's make a resolution to live more joyfully this year.
12:30 p.m. Intro to 1st UU
- 1/7* **Wed., 7:00 p.m** Singing Circle with Gwen
- 1/11* **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, “An Evolutionary Culture.” It seems that contemporary culture tends to be too much about defending our learned practices and preferences. But perhaps an evolutionary culture is about creating adaptive practices and preferences.
12:30 p.m. Intro to 1st UU
- 1/14* **Wed., 6:00 p.m** Vespers Wednesday. Vespers in the parlor will feature a wide variety of LGBTQ poetry from famous poets as well as contemporary authors including teens.
7:00 p.m Board Meeting
7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen
- 1/18* **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**
11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Relational Ethics.” Ultimately, one might argue that ethics is about love. But it does require an understanding of power to love with awareness.
12:30 p.m. Potluck
12:30 p.m. Music Program Meeting. Meet with Music Director Todd Ballou, to discuss the music program. This will be an opportunity to share any feedback or suggestions you may have.
- 1/19* **Mon., 7:30 p.m** Amnesty International
- 1/25* **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, “Anger.” Service by Matt Friedrichs with reflections on a night in Ferguson and St. Louis.