January 5, 2014

Dark, Deep, Cold and Clean
Reverend Roger Mohr

Today’s Music
Prelude: O, For a Thousand Tongues
Carl Glazer/ arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin J. Gaspard

Musical Meditation: Neptune from “The Planets”
Gustav Holst

The concept of “The Planets” is astrological rather than astronomical: each movement is intended to convey ideas and emotions associated with the influence of the planets on the psyche. In astrology, people signified by Neptune include all those engaged in aesthetic, artistic, inspirational, literary, occult and psychic vocations (including mediums and mystics), or those connected with water. Everything we cannot see or touch is Neptune's domain. Our fantasies and our hidden agendas are both born from Neptune’s influence.

Originally, "Neptune", was scored for a single organ, as Holst believed that the sound of the piano was too percussive for a world as mysterious and distant as Neptune. The more popular orchestral version came later. The beginning of the piece seems to echo the chant of a mystic, and today’s excerpt is the conclusion of the work, which seems fully submerged in a trance state.

Offertory: Joyful, Joyful
Ludwig van Beethoven/ Christina Harmon

Recessional: Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky! #301
Grace Lewis McLaren

Flowers are donated by Carolyn Ludwig to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Today’s Ushers: John Angry  Mary Lou Malone
Ruth Seifert  Danny Rebb

Today’s Greeters: Marsha Bruhn  Lencha Acker

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, Tamara, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*
Welcome – Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #344 A Promise Through the Ages Rings

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #517
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #345 With Joy We Claim the Growing Light
Benediction*
Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
**Woyaya #1020**

words & music by Loughty Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis Osei, Whendell Richardson, and Mac Tontoh

1. We are going, heaven knows where we are going
but we know within.
We will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

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**Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361**

words and music by Louise Ruspini

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

5 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

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**Reading: #517**

I who am the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the stars and the mysteries of the waters,
__I call upon your soul to arise and come unto Me.

For I am the soul of nature that gives life to the universe.
__From Me all things proceed and unto Me they must return.

Let My worship be in the heart that rejoices, for behold—all acts of love and pleasure are My rituals.
__Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion,
honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you.

And you who seek to know Me, know that your seeking and yearning will avail you not, unless you know the Mystery:
__For if that which you seek, you find not within yourself, you will never find it without.

For behold, I have been with you from the beginning,
__I am that which is attained at the end of desire.

~Starhawk
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
Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Acknowledgements
If you have a milestone or visitor to introduce, please write the message and put it in the visitor-milestone box in the narthex (foyer at back of church) or place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. For your convenience, there are forms at the end of each pew which can be used for this purpose.

Chancel Flower Donations - 2014 Dates Now Available!
Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of $20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email.
1/5  **12:30 p.m.** Introduction to UU and FUUD.
If you forgot to bring in paper products: (toilet paper, paper towels, paper tissue) and small personal hygiene items for Freedom House residents, who left homelands in fear for their lives, the second date is Jan. 19. Sally Borden (313-533-1494 or Sally233@sbcglobal.net if questions) will deliver them for us.

1/8  **Wed 6:00 p.m.** Vespers kicks off the New Year in the Parlor with Al Acker presenting a favorite poet...Billy Collins and music from the wonderful group that performed at our November fund-raising concert Metro Jazz Voices. If you missed that concert, here's a second chance, or an encore.

1/12  **11:00 a.m.** Sermon, “The Politics of Progress.” What might a progressive political strategy look like from the perspective of Detroit in 2014?

1/15  **Wed 7:00 p.m.** Singing Circle--actually a semi-circle 'round whichever piano is available. Everyone welcome--it's music appreciation for fun.

1/18  **Sat 2-6 p.m.** Double Feature Documentaries: *The FBI's War on Black America* [1960s-'70s Cointelpro] and *Assata Shakur - Autobiography*. Wright Museum--more info. next Sun.

1/19  **11:00 a.m.** Sermon, “Community Organizing in Detroit.” Church member Joel Batterman will speak about his career as a community organizer, including his present job in Detroit.

1/19  **12:30 p.m.** Second chance to bring in hygiene supplies for Freedom House.