First Unitarian-Universalist Church
March 8, 2015
“Blessed to be Human”
Rev. Roger Mohr

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*  #38 Morning Has Broken
               #4 I Brought My Spirit to the Sea
               #162 Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield
Welcome – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #113 Where is Our Holy Church?

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #313 O What a Piece of Work Are We
Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
Reading: #658 “To Risk”

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out for another is to risk exposing our true self.
To place our ideas - our dreams - before the crowd is to risk loss.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
To hope is to risk despair.
To try is to risk failure.
To live is to risk dying.
~ Anonymous

Announcements and Events – March 8, 2015

2015-2016 Canvass Campaign
We’re kicking off our 2015-2016 Canvass Campaign: Give with a Loving Heart, Love with a Giving Hand. As we approach our centennial year, we’re grateful for your past support, and your loving heart and giving hands which will propel us into the next 100 years. The Governing Board invites you to attend a House Canvass Meeting to learn about present and future plans. Please pick a date, attend, share information, and decide your most comfortable level of giving for the next fiscal year:

Tuesday, March 31, 6-8 pm: the home of Kenneth Meyer, Oakwood Commons, 16351 Rotunda Dr, Apt 218, Dearborn
Thursday, April 9, 6-8 pm: the home of Dave and Katherine Vaillancourt, 360 W Oakridge Ave, Ferndale
Sunday, April 12, 2-4 pm: the home of Aletha and Matt Oberdier, 103 Hazelwood St, Detroit (New Center)
Saturday, April 18, 3-5 pm: the home of Al and Lencha Acker, 1701 Orleans St, Detroit (Lafayette Park)

See Kathe Stevens to get more information and RSVP for a Home Canvass Meeting (or RSVP via email, kathestevens@gmail.com, or phone, 313-675-1553).

Many thanks to our hosts for opening their homes so we may move into our Centennial Year with a wealth of information and loving spirit!

Activities In and Outside the Church

3/15 11:00a.m. Sermon, “Circling the Sun.” As we move toward the Spring Solstice the significance of our path around the sun becomes more apparent, as well as more significant. Isn’t it nice to know that we can achieve relative certainty about the realities of our universe?

3/22 11:00a.m. Sermon, “Look at the Heart”
Speaker: Kevin Szawala

12:30 pm: Getting Involved Session

3/29 11:00a.m. Sermon, “Reflections on the Struggle for Marriage Equality.” A personal examination of what marriage is and how the DeBoer case has affected people's views of marriage as a matter of law and social/religious conceptions.
Speaker: Ken Mogill

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UU Fundraiser Movie Night
When: Friday, March 13th at 7:30pm
Where: To be held at Kathleen and Robert Johnson's home.

In conjunction with being a LGBTQ welcoming congregation, we are showing Iron Ladies, based on a true story of the 1996 Thailand National Champion Volleyball Team. Made up of gay and transgender players with a lesbian coach, help cheer them on as they win against adversity. Donations go towards 1st UU church. Popcorn provided. Hope to see you there! Next movie night will be Friday April 10th.

Membership Book Signing
If you are ready to become a member of First Church, please consider signing the Membership Book during the service. Please see Joan Smykowski for more information.