

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>I Believe I Can Fly</i> R.Kelly
Musical Meditation:	<i>How Could Anyone</i> Libby Roderick
Offertory:	<i>I am a Promise</i> Gloria and William J.Gaither
Recessional:	<i>People</i> Jule Styne

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Regina Hollingshead Jody Wise

Today's Greeters: Paul Chislett Aletha Oberdier

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**

March 22, 2015

"Look at the Heart"

Kevin "Mr. Peace" Szawala



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

**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* #131 *Love Will Guide Us*
#391 *Voice Still and Small*
#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame ICUU Chalice Lighting 2015
Opening Hymn* #147 *When All the Peoples on This Earth (v.1 & 2)*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #118 *This Little Light of Mine*
Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – March 22, 2015

New Care Committee

The newly-formed Care Committee will address pastoral cares of our church community. It is chaired by Nancy Owen Nelson. Other members are Sally Borden, Edie McKnight, and Nathan Strickland. Please contact Nancy Owen Nelson, nelnan@aol.com or call her at 313-914-3475, if you would like a member of our Care Committee to reach out to you in a time of need.

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 Vaillencourt, 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!

Change in Vespers Schedule for March

The next Vespers will be on the 4th Wednesday, March 25th at 6 pm in the parlor as usual. It will feature various poets' views of God and some poems by Philip Levine, the Detroit-born poet laureate who died in February. There will also music from Paul Simon. We hope to see you there for a respite in your busy schedule.

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Getting Involved Session

12:30 pm: Memorial Hall. New friends and members are invited to learn more about the programs, activities and volunteer opportunities at First Church. All leaders of the Church are encouraged to attend. For more information see Joan Smykowski.

“Home of the Brave” Screening

The Social Justice Committee would like to invite you to a screening of “Home of the Brave”. It will be held at the church, following Vespers, the 50th anniversary of church member Viola Liuzzo's martyrdom in Alabama.

When: Wednesday, March 25th @7:00p.m

Photography Exhibition

Church member Andrew Evans would like to extend an invitation for his photography exhibition.

When: Friday, April 3rd @ 6:00 PM

Where: The Carr Center, 311 Grand River Ave.

Activities In and Outside the Church

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

12:30p.m. Panel Discussion on marriage equality. Panelists include Mr. Mogill; Andre Gilford II, a graduate of the LGBT Detroit leadership academy; and Gina Calcagno, Campaign Director of Michigan for Marriage. Light refreshments are sponsored by Michigan for Marriage; please consider supplementing with your generous potluck items.

4/5 11:00a.m.Sermon, “April Is the Cruellest Month.” In T.S. Eliot's poem, “The Wasteland” he begins with images of revitalization and hope after a season of struggle and suffering. On this Easter morning, may we be reminded of the tenacity of life.



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A Springtime Prayer

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Response: The birds call your sacred name. Buds burst forth with your vestment. The sun reaches higher into the sky, shining the light of this new day through the windows of your cathedral, this world.

Leader: O, power of springtime, forgive us our speediness and our racing before your eternal grace that we do not see the myriad miracle worlds we share.

Response: Open our eyes with your warmth and our hearts with your beauty; slow our minds with awe and wonder.

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