

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Goin' Up Yonder*
Walter Hawkins
- Chalice Song:** *#1066 O Brother Fire*
Words: St. Francis of Assisi, adapted by Sharon Anway
Traditional Scottish Tune
- Musical Meditation:** *My Tribute*
Andrae Crouch/ arr. Fred Bock
- Offertory:** *I Believe I Can Fly*
R. Kelly
- Recessional:** *I Say a Little Prayer for You*
Burt Bacharach

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Gwen Foss, Cantor

Today's Flowers are given by Marsha Bruhn in memory of her brother, Dean Soldineer.

Today's Ushers: John Angry Dale Compton
 Ed Collins Cynthia ZurSchmiede

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.

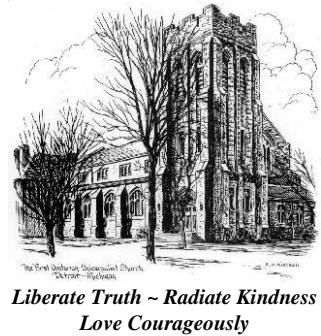
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First Unitarian-Universalist Church

March 24, 2013

"Democracy, God, and Pascal's Wager"

Dan Secrest



**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*
Welcome –Sean McAde, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* *#8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* *#199 Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
Benediction*
Choir Benediction

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

Comfort Me #1002

Words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble

1. Comfort me, comfort me
Comfort me, oh my soul. (repeat)
2. Sing with me.....
3. Stand with me....

Utopia

Alanis Morissette

1. We'd gather around, all in a room.
Fasten our belts, engage in dialogue.
We'd all slow down, rest without guilt.
Not lie without fear, disagree—sans judgment.
We would stay and respond and expand and include and allow
And forgive and enjoy and evolve and discern
And inquire and accept and admit and divulge
And open and reach out and speak up. This is....

CHORUS Utopia, this is my utopia.
This is my ideal, my end in - sight.
Utopia, this is my utopia.
This is my nirvana, my ultimate.

2. We'd open our arms, we'd all jump in.
We'd all coast down, into safety nets.
We would share and listen and support and welcome, be
propelled
by passion, not invest in outcomes, we would breath
and be charmed and amused by diff'rence. be gentle
and make room for ev'ry emotion. This is.... **CHORUS**
3. We'd provide forums, we'd all speak out.
We'd all be heard, we'd all feel seen
We'd rise post-obstacle, more defined, more grateful, we would
heal
Be humbled, and be unstoppable, we'd hold close
And let go, and know when to do which, we'd release
And disarm and stand up and feel safe. This is.... **CHORUS**

Now Let Us Sing #368

words& music anonymous

HIGHER VOICES

- 1 Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.
- 2 Sing to the power of the hope within ...
- 3 Sing to the power of the love within. ...
- 4 Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

LOWER VOICES

1. Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing sing sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Now let us sing to the power of the faith within.
2. Now let us sing to the power of the hope within.
3. Now let us sing to the power of the love within.
4. Now let us sing to the power of the joy within.

Announcements and Events – March 24, 2013

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

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