

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>I Can Hear the Bells</i> from Hairspray Marc Shaiman
Choir Anthem:	<i>Everything Possible</i> Fred Small
Musical Meditation:	<i>Somewhere Over the Rainbow</i> from the Wizard of Oz Gloria and William J. Gaither
Offertory:	<i>Get Me to the Church on Time</i> from My Fair Lady Frederick Loewe
Recessional:	<i>Making My Dreams Come True</i> Charles Fox

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Mary Lou Malone Danny Rebb

Today's Greeters: Irene Brisson Deanna McGraw

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 29, 2015

**"Reflections on the Struggle for
Marriage Equality"**

Ken Mogil



*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* #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

#325 *Love Makes a Bridge*

#118 *I'm On My Way*

Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #323 *Break Not the Circle*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Responsive Reading: Resolution of Immediate Witness

(Adapted from the 1996 General Assembly supporting the right for same-sex couples to marry.)

Because Unitarian Universalists affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person;

And because marriage is held in honor among the blessings of life;

WHEREAS debate about legally recognized marriage to same-sex couples has focused on the objections of certain religious communities,

While the Unitarian Universalist Association has supported equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, including support of Ceremonies of Union between members of the same sex.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Unitarian Universalist Association adopts a position supporting legal recognition for marriage between members of the same sex,

BE IT finally resolved that the 1996 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association urges member congregations to proclaim the worth of marriage between any two committed persons and to make this position known in their home communities.

Announcements and Events – March 29, 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!

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.

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National Marriage Challenge

Half of today's non-pledge collection will go to the National Marriage Challenge (NMC). The NMC is an accredited 501(c)(3) which is the sole entity authorized by the DeBoer family to fundraise exclusively for the *DeBoer v Snyder* case; 100% of funds raised through NMC will be used to support the lawsuit. If you are a pledging member, please note on your envelope or in the memo of your check what, if any, portion of your contribution today should go to the NMC. Thank you from the NMC and First UU for your generous contributions!

Potluck for Sunday, April 12th, 2015

This will be a special potluck as we will be in the church house parlor for coffee hour on this Sunday. Please bring FINGER FOODS ONLY, ie: appetizers, snacks, small bites and bring enough for the large crowd we expect for this special service when Viola Luiuzzo's daughters will speak to us during the service.

Selling of Audio CDs Discontinued

We've discontinued the practice of selling audio CDs of the worship services in Coffee Hour. Our equipment broke down, and demand is down because the sermons are available on our website (at 1stuu.org/Worship/sermonAudio.php). We continue to record the entire service and save the recordings, so if you ever want an audio copy of some or all of a service, let Dan Secrest or anyone on the sound team (sound@1stuu.org) know.

UU Regional Picnic & Spring Gathering!

The date is set! Our second annual Regional Picnic gathering will take place on Saturday, May 16th from 10am - 3pm at Shelter 12 on Belle Isle. Volunteer activity in the morning, and a potluck & BBQ picnic and games to follow. UU Congregations from throughout Southeast Michigan are welcome to attend!

The planning committee is seeking volunteers to assist with set-up/break-down, cooking, and activities (contact Aletha Oberdier, 248-872-3837 or alethafaye@gmail.com) and donations of food & condiments (contact Beth Bailey, [313-244-4796](tel:313-244-4796) elizabethbailey88@gmail.com)

The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon

I now have 11 ticket reservations and can get more for Saturday, April 11th at 3 p.m. to see *The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon* it is a World Premiere. This is the story of a barefoot waif that gets lodging with a wheelchair bound curmudgeon. An explosive relationship ensues. We can go out together to dinner after the play. Hope you can come tickets are \$15 each with \$5 for the church. Please call Margaret Beck 313 882 7775 or email margretbeck@comcast.net I will also have tickets at coffee hour after church. Thanks ahead of time for participating in this fundraiser. Margaret Beck

Activities In and Outside the Church

- 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.
- 4/12 **11:00a.m.Sermon**, “Reflections on Dr. Viola Liuzzo by Her Children.” Viola Liuzzo's children will speak on Viola’s legacy, carrying on her legacy, personal reflections, and relevance to today’s issues.
- 4/19 **11:00a.m.Sermon**, “Earth Day.” As we celebrate Earth Day, we are drawn to ask the question of what our personal relationship with the Earth may be, and how we might make it better.
- 4/26 **11:00a.m.Sermon**, “The Exact Center of the Modern World: Philip Levine’s Detroit.” Please join us for another in our Detroit Musings series of guest speakers: Lifelong Detroitter Frank D. Rashid.