

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 –Beth Bailey, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #313 *O What a Piece of Work Are We*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #557 *A Common Destiny*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #133 *One World*
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 Loughy 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,
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I Can See Clearly Now

words & music by Johnny Nash

1. I can see clearly now, the rain is gone.
I can see all obstacles in my way.
Gone are the dark clouds that had me down
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiney day.

2. Oh, yes I can make it now, the pain is gone.
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiney day

Look all around, there's nothing but blue sky.
Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue sky
(Ahh--)

3. I can see clearly now, the rain is gone.
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I'm On My Way #116

African American Spiritual

1 I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom
land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way, great God,
I'm on my way.

2 I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come
and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I'm on my
way, great God, I'm on my way.

3 I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come
and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I'm on my
way, great God, I'm on my way.

4 If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they
say no, I'll go anyhow. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

5 I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't
turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, great
God, I'm on my way.

Reading: #557 A Common Destiny

All living substance, all substance of energy, being, and purpose,
are united and share the same destiny.

*All people,
those we love and those we know not of, are united and share
the same destiny.*

Birth-to-death
we share this unity with
the sun,
earth,

*our brothers and sisters,
strangers,*

flowers of the field,
snow flakes,
volcanoes and moon beams.

*Birth--Life--Death
Unknown--Known--Unknown*

Our destiny: from unknown to unknown.

*May we have the faith to accept this mystery and build upon its
everlasting truth.*

Announcements and Events – March 30, 2014

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