"Easter, Ostara, and the Arrival of Spring"
Reverend Roger Mohr

Today's Flowers are given by Maysel Brooks in celebration of the birthdays of her family members.

Today's Ushers: John Angry  Margaret Wilkie
Mary Lou Malone  Jerry Williams

Today's Greeters: Marilyn Mitchell  Paul Chislett

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Gwen Foss, Cantor

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, Tamara, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

Today's Music
Prelude:  The Trumpet Shall Sound
George Frederick Handel/ arr. Jim Lucas

Chalice Song:  #1066 O Brother Fire
Words: St. Francis of Assisi, adapted by Sharon Anway
Traditional Scottish Tune

Choir Anthem:  Hope is the Thing with Feathers
Words by Emily Dickinson, music by Jenney Potter

Musical Meditation:  Salvation is Created
Paul Tschesnokoff

Offertory:  Spring from “The Four Seasons”
Antonio Vivaldi

Recessional:  Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky #301
Grace Lewis-McLaren

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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*
Welcome – Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #344 A Promise Through the Ages Rings
Choir Anthem; Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #531 The Oversoul
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #269 Lo, the Day of Days is Here
Benediction*
Choir Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
Edelweiss from “The Sound of Music”
words by Oscar Hammerstein, Music by Ruchard Rodgers

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Ev’ry morning you greet me.
Small and white, clean and bright, you look happy to meet me.
Blossom of snow, may you bloom and grow, Bloom and grow forever.
Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Bless my homeland forever. (Repeat)

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

Turn the World Around #1074
words & music by Harry Belafonte and Robert Freeman

1. We come from the fire, living in the fire,
go back to the fire, turn the world around
Whoa- oh- oh, so is life. Ah-ah-ah so is life!
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2. We come from the water…..

3. We come from the city…..
Announcements and Events – March 31, 2013

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour
All are welcome to join us after the service in the Social Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

Vespers Wednesday
Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Bridges of Understanding Interfaith Conference
April 5 and 6, Fri. & Sat., at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, to address conflicts within and between religions, and to promote freedom of and from religion. Rev. Roger will be speaking on Saturday. First UU is a cosponsor, so our members are free but you'll need Nancy's directions to register. Email her nelnan@aol.com. See a copy of the schedule in the Social Hall.

Acknowledgements
If you have a milestone or visitor to introduce, please write the message and put it in the *visitor-milestone box *in the narthex (foyer at back of church) or give it to any usher to deliver for you.

Chancel Flower Donations
Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The signup sheet is in the back of the church (the “narthex”). Please add your name and the person/event you wish to honor.

The suggested donation of $20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. Questions? See Lencha after service or call 313-393-8544.
Church-Related Activities

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4/5-4/6 Fri. & Sat., Bridges of Understanding Interfaith Conference additional details on reverse

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4/7 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Global Humanism” Reverend Roger Mohr, Humanism is NOT a minority position. Not in the US. Not even in other lands and nations. Humanism is the foundation of the modern world.
12:30 p.m. Intro to FUUD (1st UU of Detroit) for prospective (and current) members to learn (more) about the history, tradition and culture of UUism and our church.

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7:00 p.m. More music with your voices plus Gwen Foss' piano accompaniment--for pleasure.
7:00 p.m. Church board meeting. Visitors welcome to observe. To submit agenda items in advance: kathestevens@gmail.com

4/14 New Member Sunday
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