

Today's Music

Prelude: *Also Sprach Zarathustra* from the movie
 "2001: A Space Odyssey"
 Richard Strauss

This short excerpt comes from a longer tone poem, which is "freely based on Friedrich Nietzsche." Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for All and None is a philosophical novel by German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, written between 1883 and 1885. The book chronicles the fictitious travels and speeches of the character Zarathustra.

Musical Meditation: *Someone in the Dark* from the movie
 "E.T."
 music by Rod Temperton,
 words by Alan Bergman and Marilyn
 Bergman

When someone in the dark reaches out to you,
And touches off a spark that comes shining through,
It tells you never be afraid.
Then somewhere in your heart you can feel the glow
A light to keep you warm when the night winds blow
Like it was written in the stars, I knew;
My friend, my someone in the dark was you.

Offertory: *Theme from Star Trek*
 Alex Courage

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

Flowers are donated by Trey and Colleen Dolan-Greene for their 38th wedding anniversary!

Today's Ushers: John Angry Felice Rizzo
 Maysel Brooks Ruth Seifert

Today's Greeters: Marsha Bruhn Dale Compton

***First Unitarian-Universalist
Church
April 6, 2014
The Center of the Universe
Rev. Roger Mohr***



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 – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #28 *View the Starry Realm*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading #666 *The Legacy of Caring*

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #344 *A Promise Through the Ages Rings*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Blue Boat Home #1064

words: Peter Mayer, music Roland Hugh Prichard/ accomp. arr. Jason Shelton

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

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.
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.
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.
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiney day.

Announcements and Events – April 6, 2014

Introduction to Unitarian-Universalism at First UU

If you feel that the First Church of Detroit is a comfortable church fit, but you still have questions, please join us for this session on April 6, 2014, at 12:30 pm, in Memorial Hall. We will share the proud history of the Church, the philosophy of the Unitarian-Universalism and your responsibilities as a member.

Canvass Meetings

Church members and friends are invited to attend our last canvass meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, from 6-8 pm, at Sharlene Gage's home. At the canvas meeting, we will discuss: the financial realities of our church, the programs and activities we would like to accomplish in the next fiscal year and answer any questions that you may have. Please RSVP, attend, participate and decide your most comfortable level of giving for the next year.

Getting Involved Session

Being part of the First UU involves being part of a group, activity or committee. We encourage all visitors, friends and members to learn about the church activities at a meeting called Getting Involved. Usually the meeting is held the fourth Sunday of the month. Our next Getting Involved session will be April 27th.

Pledge Sheets Not Returned, Yet

If you have not returned your 2014-2015 pledge sheet, you may give it to Joan Smykowski or Dan Wiest.

Ongoing Food Drive

First UU Detroit will be collecting nonperishable food items to support Cass Community United Methodist's food program. Staple items including flour, sugar, noodles, rice, and canned vegetables are most needed. Please no soups. Items will be collected during coffee hour. See Beth Bailey with questions.

<p>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.</p>
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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.

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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

April Vespers might just sneak up on you because it's almost as early in the month as the second Wednesday can be. And that's no joke. So mark your calendar for April 9, 6 pm in the parlor to hear the poetry of Charles Simic and Detroiters Jessica Care Moore. Rhonda Rogers will continue our tradition by reading her selection from Garrison Keillor's book. And, oh yes, there will also be music...but you'll just have to attend to hear what, performed by whom.

Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on one of the index cards which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

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 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. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email.

Thanks from the Detroit Historical Society!

Sally and Roger hosted the Historic Houses of Worship tour on Monday, March 3rd. 59 visitors were able to tour the church and

hear the history. As a thank you, the Detroit Historical Society made a donation of \$75!

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.

Reading: #666 “The Legacy of Caring”

Despair is my private pain
Born from what I have failed to say
failed to do, failed to overcome.

___ *Be still my inner self*
___ *let me rise to you, let me reach down into your pain*
___ *and soothe you.*

I turn to you to renew my life
I turn to the world, the streets of the city, the worn tapestries of
brokerage firms,

___ *drug dealers, private estates*
___ *personal things in the bag lady's cart*

rage and pain in the faces that turn from me
afraid of their own inner worlds.

___ *This common world I love anew,*
___ *as the life blood of generations*
___ *who refused to surrender their humanity*
___ *in an inhumane world,*
___ *courses through my veins.*

From within this world
my despair is transformed to hope

___ *and I begin anew*
___ *the legacy of caring.*

~Thandeka

Church-Related Activities

- 4/6** **12:30 p.m.** Rev. Mohr gives background about UUism and our congregation to those new to it and to us.
1:00 p.m. *Maestra*--33 min. film. How Cuba went from 23.6% literacy to 95% in one year. Can we take Detroit from 47% to 95%? Margaret Beck visited Cuba; local literacy projects info.
4:00 p.m. The Abolitionists at African-American Museum. Free.
- 4/8** **Tues., 6:00 p.m.** Canvass Meeting (see inside)
- 4/9** **Wed., 6:00 p.m.** Vespers (see inside)
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting--open to all. Important to attend at least once.
7:00 p.m. Singing Circle led by our cantor, Gwen Foss. Open to all.
- 4/10** **7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** A Clear Picture of Peace and Compassion, two short videos of Michael Nagler describing peace in our thoughts and language as the way to creating a peaceful world and saving our planet, and discussion: Free. Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. (www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com)
- 4/12** **2:00 p.m.** Documentary **Lumumba**--true story of the rise to power and brutal assassination of the formerly vilified and later redeemed leader of the independent Congo, Patrice Lumumba, using newly discovered historical evidence. 115 min. Free at the Wright African-American museum. Discussion after.
- 4/13** **11:00 a.m.** Sermon, “*Progressive Regional Leadership*” First Church has begun to build its outreach efforts with a strategic vision to reach beyond Detroit’s city limits. How can we, as Unitarian Universalists, be more effective in shaping our region, as well as our neighborhood?
12:30 p.m. Potluck--please label ingredients
2:00 p.m. DIA Film Theatre *British Arrows*. Award-winning Brit commercials, memorable for cultural differences between our and theirs (we're behind). \$6-8.50. Also 4/11; 4/19-20.
- 4/17** **5:30 p.m.** Midtown Social Issues Salon: Sex Trafficking in Metro Detroit; Deena Policicchio of Alternatives for Girls.

Refreshments before program, Planned Parenthood Center,
4229 Cass Ave., Detroit. Free presentation and refreshments.
RSVP and info: (734) 926-4774, [www.ppaction.org/site/
Calendar/1269071031](http://www.ppaction.org/site/Calendar/1269071031)