

Today's Music

Prelude: *Run, Run* from Scenes from Childhood
 Octavio Pinto

*The garden is full of life
In the sunshine children run about
Gaily and noisily
Outside, on the street
The poor blind man with his hand-organ
Sings his sorrows*

Musical Meditation: *Home on the Range*
 Traditional

Offertory: *Spring from The Four Seasons Op 8. no. 1*
 Antonio Vivaldi

Recessional: *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky #203*
 Ausserlesene Catholische
 Kichengesang 1623

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Bob Neale Gloria Williams

Today's Greeters: Glenn Maxwell Kathe Stevens

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**

April 19, 2015

"Earth Day"

Rev. Roger Mohr



*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* #95 *There is More Love*
 #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 #368 *Now Let Us Sing*
Welcome – Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #207 *Earth was Given as a Garden*
Benediction

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

Announcements and Events – April 19, 2015

Reading: #587, “A Litany for Survival”

For those of us who live at the shoreline
standing upon the constant edges of decision
crucial and alone

*For those of us who cannot indulge
the passing dreams of choice*

For those of us who were imprinted with fear like a faint line in the
center of our foreheads learning to be afraid with our mother's milk

*For by this weapon,
this illusion of some safety to be found-
the heavy-footed hoped to silence us.*

For all of us
this instant and this triumph –
we were never meant to survive.

*And when the sun rises we are afraid
it might not remain
When the sun sets we are afraid
it might not rise in the morning*

And when we speak we are afraid
our words will not be heard
nor welcomed

*But when we are silent
we are still afraid.*

So it is better to
speak remembering

*We were never
meant to survive.*

~Audre Lorde

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.

Women Walking Woodward for Peace - May 10 - 8:30am

Join us this Mother's Day. For each of the last three years we have walked from from Grand Circus Park to Ferndale, taking our inspiration from Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day proclamation. This year we will begin and end our walk at First UU, culminating in our 11:00am worship service. More information can be found on our Facebook page: Women Walking Woodward for Peace. Coordinator, Anita (Ruby) Jones.

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.

DATE CHANGE: UU Regional Picnic & Spring Gathering!

Our second annual Regional Picnic gathering will take place on Saturday, **June 6th**, 2015 from 10am - 3pm at **Shelter 9** 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 setup/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 elizabethbailey88@gmail.com)

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April 22nd Vespers

As promised, to balance last month's poetry focus on male images of god, this month's poems are all about goddesses. The musical interludes will feature the mellow voice of Norah Jones, and to complete the female focus, Sally Borden will read her selection from Keillor's book. That's Wednesday April 22nd (the fourth Wednesday...our new date) at 6 pm in the parlor/Memorial Hall. Please come join us. Al Acker

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Sally Borden, in celebration of her birthday.

2015-2016 Canvass Campaign

Each year during the Canvass Campaign, we ask members to give careful thought to the tradition First Church represents, the role it plays in our lives, and the opportunities we enjoy for spiritual growth. In the spirit of good stewardship, we are asked to make a responsible annual pledge to keep our church open and thriving; pledges from members and friends are by far the most significant source of operating funds for First Church. Kathe Stevens will have canvass brochures and pledge forms available during social hour today and will be available to answer questions.

Activities In and Outside the Church

- 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 Detroiter Frank D. Rashid.
- 5/3 11:00a.m. Sermon**, "The Meaning of Work." May 1 is International Labor Day, a time for celebrating the importance of work, and working people, in our lives, and in our culture.
- 5/10 11:00a.m. Sermon**, "Radical Mothering." Join us on this Mother's Day with 5 voices from the community: