First Unitarian-Universalist Church
May 3, 2015
“The Meaning of Work”
Rev. Roger Mohr

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*  #348 Guide My Feet
#71 In the Spring with Plow and Harrow (v.1-3)
#116 I’m On My Way
Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #157 Step by Step the Longest March

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #305 De Colores
Benediction

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

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Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today’s Ushers: Anita Jones Regina Hollingshead

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.
“To Be of Use”

I want to be with people who submerge in the task,

Who go into the fields to harvest and work in a row
and pass the bags along,

Who stand in the line and haul in their places,

Who are not parlor generals and field deserters but
move in a common rhythm when the food must
come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud. Botched, it
smears the hands, crumbles to dust.

But the thing worth doing well done has a shape
that satisfies, clean and evident.

Greek amphoras for wine or oil, Hopi vases that held
corn, are put in museums but you know they were made
to be used.

The pitcher cries for water to carry and a person for
work that is real.

~Marge Piercy

Announcements and Events – May 3, 2015

Interactive Workshop
On Saturday, May 30th, there will be an interactive full-day workshop
on class and classism at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. The
workshop, U.U. Class Conversations, will explore the implications of
class and classism, and the connection between racism and other forms
of oppression. Lunch will be served. Child care is available. It is
suggested we carpool when possible. This project is funded in part by
the Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility.

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00PM. Suggested fee: $20 (More if you can, less
if you can't).

Registration deadline: May 23. Registration forms will be available
during Coffee Hour. See Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills.

Women Walking Woodward for Peace - May 10 - 8:30am
Join us this Mother’s Day. Taking our inspiration from Julia Ward
Howe’s Mother’s Day proclamation, 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

Child Care Volunteers Still Needed
We're looking for a few good people to help with our upcoming child
care service that we hope to start very soon.

Volunteers will care for/play with young children during the church
service in the newly renovated room at the back of the sanctuary. You
do need to undergo a background check which we will do and fill out a
short application.

We have some volunteers but would like two or three more so we can
take turns with the child care. Please see Richard Hillier or Sally
Borden after the service.

Chancel Flower Donations
Today’s flowers are given by Mary Lou Malone, in the celebration of
her birthday dinner.
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**Annual Congregational Meeting, May 17.** The Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the service on May 17. The agenda will include proposed amendments to the by-laws; adoption of the 2015-16 budget; and election of members to the Board of Trustees, General Assembly, and Nominating Committee.

**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)

**Continuation of Essay Discussions**
Please join us on Sunday, May 31, at 12:30 pm, when the Welcoming Task Force will present a continuation of our discussion of essays from *Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality*: “Some Queer Notions about Race” by Samuel R. Delaney (pages 259-289) and Cornel West on “Heterosexism and Transformation: An Interview” (pages 290-305). The discussion will be at the church; room TBD. Please advise if you need a copy of the essays.

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**Intro to First UU: Sunday, May 3rd, 12:30pm, Memorial Hall**
All guests and those interested in learning more about first Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit are invited to attend following coffee hour.

**Thank you!**
John Angry was taken to Henry Ford Hospital last Sunday afternoon. He was diagnosed with a bladder infection and sent home on Monday with antibiotics. A big thank you to Dan Wiest, Glenn Maxwell, and Sally Borden, for helping John, and to John’s nephew, Atiba Seitu, for his concern. We're glad to have John back in church!

**Before you Head Down to Motor City Pride on June 7:**
(http://www.motorcitypride.org/) join us to hear Prof. Peter Hammer, Professor of Law and the Director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School, present "Behind the Times: The Struggle for LBGTQ Equality in Michigan." Prof. Hammer's presentation on the current state of LBGTQ equality in Michigan will be followed by Q&A.

You may read an article Prof. Hammer wrote about the state of LBGTQ rights in our state: http://jurist.org/forum/2014/12/peter-hammer-michigan-marriage.php

The presentation and Q&A will take place at 12:30 in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served.

**Activities In and Outside the Church**

5/10 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Radical Mothering.” Join us on this Mother’s Day with 5 voices from the community.

5/17 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Diving Into the Future.” This is Rev. Mohr’s last Sunday in the pulpit with First Church. Let’s take a moment to celebrate the possibilities of new beginning, new cultivations, and new possibilities.