



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 10, 2015

“Radical Mothering”

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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* #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*
#171 *N'kosi Sikeleli Afrika*
#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*
Welcome – Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #357 *Bright Morning Stars*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #109 *As We Come Marching, Marching*
Benediction

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

Today's Music

Prelude: *I Am Woman*
Ray Burton

Musical Meditation: *Let it Be*
Paul McCartney

Offertory: *Mamma Mia*
Benny Andersson, Stig Anderson & Bjorn Ulvaeus

Recessional: *If Every Woman in the World #1026*
Karen MacKay

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Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Dan Wiest Jerry 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.

Announcements and Events – May 10, 2015

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 Anita Jones, in honor of Women Walking Woodward for Peace.

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; election of members to the Board of Trustees, General Assembly, and Nominating Committee, and approval of our Welcoming Congregation status.

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.

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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 in the Parlor after the worship service. Please advise if you need a copy of the essays.

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)

Before you Head Down to Motor City Pride:

(<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

5/17 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.

Reading:

Mother

**Changed, changing, growing full.
Carrying the immensity of the Earth.**

Swelling, stretching, across the abyss of knowing.
Accepting Spirit; transporting soul/substance.

**Enduring the breadth and width of tenderness;
Experiencing the mystic thrill of patience.**

Breaking in two, splitting wide open, the envelope of the
cosmos.
Becoming the blood and flesh and milk of all nations.

**Embracing the breath; the creation/Sophia again and
again.
Bearing down with exuberance;**

Screaming names from the wall of eternity.
Answering the gentle whisper of the Goddess.

**Soothing the angst and fear of separation.
Offering the breast of love and supplication.**

With open hands, receiving the charge of new life.

-Ruby Woods