First Unitarian-Universalist Church
May 12, 2013
“Our Feminist Faith”
Reverend 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 – Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #109 As We Come Marching, Marching. v1 & 2 only

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir director
Sydney Schaff, flute
Reading #573 Mother’s Day Proclamation
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #91 Mother of All
Benediction*
Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
**What a Wonderful World**  
George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

I see trees of green, red roses too,  
I see them bloom for me and you,  
and I think to myself “what a wonderful world.”

I see skies of blue and clouds of white,  
the bright--- blessed day, the dark-- sacred night  
and I think to myself “what a wonderful world.”

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
are also on the faces of people goin’ by.  
I see friends shakin’ hands, sayin’ “How do you do?”  
They’re really sayin’ “I love you!”

I hear babies cry, I watch them grown  
They’ll learn much more, than I’ll ever know  
and I think to myself “what a wonderful world.”  
Yes, I think to myself “what a wonderful world.”

**How Could Anyone #1053**  
music and words by Libby Roderick

How could anyone ever tell you-- you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you-- you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice-- that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you’re connected to my soul.  
(repeat)

**Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield #162**  
African American Spiritual

1 Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.  
(Chorus) I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

2 Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, gonna study war no more. (Chorus)
Announcements and Events – May 12, 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.

**Spring Clean Up Day – May 18th**
Spring Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 18th and we still need volunteers. Please join us for fun, food and refreshments! See Dale Compton or call him at 313-969-0574.

**Annual Meeting – May 19th**
Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013. We will be voting on the election of officers for the coming fiscal year and our budget.

To vote, you have to have been a member in good standing for 60 days prior to the vote (which means you have signed the membership book and made a pledge of record in the last year.)

**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

5/12  New Member Sunday  
12:30 p.m. – Potluck  
Some of us will be part of the 2nd annual Women Walking Woodward for Peace as seen in the May newsletter. Free Second Sunday to visit the DIA or African-American Museum.

5/15  Wed. 7:00 p.m. Singing Circle's weekly warbling--come chirp a welcome to Spring with them.

5/18  Sat. 8:00a.m – 2:00p.m. Spring Clean Up Day (see reverse)

5/19  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Relational Ethics” For most religious traditions, morality is based on obedience and duty. But we might also ground ethics in mutuality and relationship. After church Congregation Annual Meeting--election of officers.

5/20  Mon. 7:30 p.m., Amnesty International meets here; Dan Wiest is an active member

5/22  Wed. 7:00 p.m. You sing along while Gwen plays along. Bring your favorites.  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

5/26  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Flower Communion” The Flower Communion usually takes place in the spring near the time of Easter. In this ceremony, members of the congregation are asked beforehand to bring a flower to the Sunday service. Upon entering the sanctuary, each person places his or her flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The flowers are blessed by the minister or congregation during the ceremony, and the sermon usually reflects upon the flowers' symbolism. At the end of the service, each person brings home a flower other than the one that he or she brought.

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