Today’s Music

Prelude: Also Sprach Zarathustra from the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey
Richard Strauss/ arr. Richard Bradley

Choir Anthem: Live Your Dream
Words by Rumi, Lao-Tzu, Henry David Thoreau
Music by Greg Gilpin

Musical Meditation: Someone in the Dark from the movie E.T
Rod Temperton

Offertory: Theme from Star Trek
Alexander Courage

Recessional: The Jetsons
William Hannah, Joseph Barbera, and Hoyt Curt

Order of Service

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* Come and Go With Me (see insert)
#6 Just as Long as I Have Breath
#361 Enter, Rejoice and Come In
Welcome – Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #145 As Tranquil Streams
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU choir director

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #143 Not in Vain the Distance Beacons
Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
May 17, 2015
“Diving Into the Future”
Rev. Roger Mohr

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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.
Reading: #556 “These Roses”

These roses under my window make no reference to former roses or to better ones; they are for what they are; they exist with God today.

There is no time to them. There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.

Before a leaf-bud has burst, its whole life acts; in the full-blown flower there is no more, in the leafless root there is no less.

Its nature is satisfied and it satisfies nature in all moments alike.

But we postpone or remember. We do not live in the present, but with reverted eye lament the past, or, heedless of the riches that surround us, stand on tiptoe to foresee the future.

We cannot be happy or strong until we too live with nature in the present, above time.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson (adapted)

Announcements and Events – May 17, 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.

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)

Chancel Flower Donations
Today’s flowers are given by Marilyn Mitchell, In memory of Jon Mitchell and celebration of Jerry Mitchell's birthday.
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.

5/24  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Techno Religion.” As devotees of electronic music converge on Detroit, what can we learn from this phenomenon? What are the parallels between techno music and Unitarian-Universalist faith, and how can we transcend the contradictions between individual and collective action in a technocratic age?

5/31  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “What does it mean to be from here?” Join a home grown Detroit girl as she reflects on lessons she could have learned only in the pews of 4605 Cass, how they translate to wider UU culture, and how wider UU culture affects our congregation. (Part One of a Two Part Series.)

Sing-a-long:  Come and Go with Me
African American Spiritual, slavery period/ arr. Kenny Smith

1. Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

2. There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound.

3. There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

4. There'll be singin’ in that land, There'll be singin’ in that land, There'll be singin’ in that land where I’m bound. (where I’m bound) There’ll be singin’ in that land, there’ll be singin’ in that land, There’ll be singin’ in that land where I’m bound.