

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 24, 2015

“Techno Religion”

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*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness*

**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* #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

America the Beautiful (see insert)

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Welcome – Sherry A. Wells, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #139 *Wonders Still the World Shall Witness*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* *When the Spirit Says Do (see insert)*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today's Music

Prelude: *Enter*
Cybotron

Musical Meditation: *Clear*
Cybotron

Offertory: *Natural Blues*
Moby

Recessional: *Rock to the Beat*
Reese

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Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Edie McKnight Bill McKnight

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.

Reading: "Enter" (Juan Atkins and Richard Davis)

We are just dreams in space
Stranded in this foggy place
No transport out of here
I guess we have to put away our fear

Enter the new round
Enter the next phase
Enter the program
Technofy your mind.

Announcements and Events – May 24, 2015

May 27th Vespers

This month's Vespers service will be at 6pm in Memorial Hall (aka the parlor) as usual and will feature a wide variety of poets, including Detroit-born Marge Piercy, Randall Jarrett and others, along with some relaxing guitar and mandolin music. Continuing our custom, Sally Borden will read her selection from Garrison Keillor's book. Come join us for a midweek respite from your busy lives. We usually finish about 7 pm and some of us head across the street to Cass Café for dinner and more conversation. Questions? Call Al Acker 313-393-8544.

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.

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)

Intro to First UU

Sunday, June 7th, 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.

Curiously Odd Movie Night - Virunga

Friday June 12th 7:30pm

Virunga National Park, one of the most bio-diverse places in the world and home to the last of the mountain gorillas. Here, an embattled team of park rangers risk their lives to protect this site from armed rebels, poachers, and even corporations trying to wrest control of Congo's rich natural resources.

Join us at Robert and Kathleen's place (3479 Bishop Detroit) and share some popcorn while we watch this important work.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Bob Lauer, in celebration of Valerie's birthday.

Activities In and Outside the Church

- 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.)
- 6/7 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "What are we called to?" We have reflected on and thought about how where we come from shapes our voice and perspective in the faith. How are we called to use our prophetic and authentic voice? How can we call ourselves and our faith to be accountable to its proclamation that voices on the margin matter? How can we strengthen our wider Universal Web by standing both in and outside a place of privilege? If we know what it means to be from here, what are we then called to do? (Part Two of a Two Part Series)
- 6/14 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Juneteenth". Dr. Sisco is a Detroit native and Michigan State graduate who is the Director of American Studies at Youngstown State University.
- 6/21 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Searching for Nannie B." Accomplished author and academic, and First Church member, Nancy Owen Nelson, will celebrate the launch of her memoir, "Searching for Nannie B.", an inspirational search for her roots in Alabama and her lost grandmother, Nannie B. Chandler, who died giving birth to Nancy's mother, Nannie B. Nelson. "Searching" will be available for purchase during social hour following the service. All proceeds will go to the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit.

A volunteer is needed to collect money - cash, checks and credit cards, using the church PayPal card readers - at the book launch on June 21. See Nancy Owen Nelson. Thanks!

Sing along: America, the Beautiful

Words by Katherine Lee Bates, music by Samuel Ward

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.
3. O beautiful for heroes prov'd In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country lov'd, And mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.
4. O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

Closing Hymn: When the Spirit Says Do #1024

African-American Spiritual from the Civil rights period

1. You gotta do when the spirit says do!
You gotta do when the spirit says do!
When the spirit says do, you got to do, Oh Lord
You got to do when the spirit says do!
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!
2. You gotta shout when the spirit says shout!
Spirit says shout!.....
3. You gotta dance when the spirit says dance!
Spirit says dance!.....