First Unitarian-Universalist Church
July 26, 2015
“On Receiving the (Un) Holy Ghost: Learning to Listen to the Underside of the Strait.”
James Perkinson

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
Stand Up Now & Clap (see insert)
#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
Welcome – Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #174 Earth You Are Surpassing Fair
Musical Interlude John Angry & Dan Secrest, soloist

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #209 O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls
Benediction

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

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**Today’s Music**

| Prelude:       | Sonatina in A Minor  |
|               | George Frederic Handel |
| Musical Interlude: | Panis Angelicus from Mass for Three Voices (1872) |
|               | Cesar Franck |
| Musical Meditation: | Ave Verum |
|               | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| Offertory:     | Chorale #3 in A Minor |
|               | Cesar Franck |
| Recessional:   | Coro from “Water Music Suite” |
|               | George Frederic Handel |

**Panis Angelicus: A Word from John Angry**
In Albany, Georgia in 1936 when I was 7 years old and still singing high soprano, I was taught Panis Angelicus by my tall attractive African American teacher who founded and trained a boys choir of 8-10 boys at a totally segregated school system. The beautiful music was from a solemn mass by Cesar Franck. We learned it well enough to perform it on a radio broadcast that I no longer remember the occasion.

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**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**
Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today’s Ushers:** Danny Rebb Regina Weiss
**Today’s Greeters:** Carolyn Ludwig Matt Friedrichs

**Hearing Assistance** devices are available from any of our ushers.

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
Reading:

The Negro Speaks of Rivers
Langston Hughes, 1902 - 1967

I've known rivers:
I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the
flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.
I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.
I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.
I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln
went down to New Orleans, and I’ve seen its muddy
bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I’ve known rivers:
Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

Announcements and Events – July 26, 2015

Directory Updates
Updates to the 2014 Church Directory are available. Please see Alexis
for a copy.

Developing Your Leadership Workshop
Organizations are only as strong as the people who lead and manage
them, whether you are a church, a nonprofit organization or a for-profit
company. There is nothing more critical to an organization’s success
than the development of its leaders: especially today as churches are
continually challenged to identify strategies that help improve
organizational stability.

Leaders are needed at all levels of churches. Your Planning Committee
is pleased to announce a two hour workshop on leadership development
to be held on Sunday October 4th at 12:30 at church.
The workshop will be limited to the first 15 church members who
register to attend. To register for your attendance please email
Deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net or call Deanna at 586-202-5241.

Vespers
This month’s Vespers on July 29th at 6 pm in the parlor/Memorial Hall
will feature a couple of favorites: Mary Oliver and Billy Collins, plus a
delightful essay from the July 5th New York Times. I haven’t chosen the
music yet. Please come join us for a restful hour in the midst of your
busy lives. Al Acker

New Committee
On today, July 26, 2015 after the service at 12:30pm, our music
director, Todd Ballou will convene a new ad hoc committee to
investigate the popular idea of fundraising for and purchasing the
UU hymnal supplement, titled "Singing the Journey." This committee
will mostly be focused on planning and executing the fundraising
effort.

The "Singing the Journey Committee" will meet more than once, so if
you cannot make it next week, just talk to Todd, or keep an ear open for
the next meeting.

Chancel Flower Donations
Today’s flowers are given by Anita Jones, in honor of the nine souls
lost in Charleston, SC

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.

Parking Reminder:
On Sunday mornings you may park in the Prentis Parking Lot in any
of the three rows closest to the alley. (During the week we are limited
to parking in the row along the alley.)
Activities In and Outside the Church

8/2  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “My Mutual History with Detroit.” Dawn McDuffie’s poems celebrate Detroit as she has seen it through 47 years of intimate engagement. There are poems about neighbors, the homes that are restored to beauty, and the homes that sink into oblivion. Although her poems include some of the tragedies she has witnessed, she insists the city has a beauty all its own. Detroit is at the center of every one of McDuffie’s books, and it is the inspiration for her next book as well.
Guest speaker, Dawn McDuffie

8/9  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Starting Our Conversation.” Every church is a community of seekers and believers, but perhaps none embraces that shared identity more than Unitarian-Universalists. In my first Sunday in the pulpit, I want to talk some about who you are and who I am, about the journey that we have ahead, and the conversations that I hope we will share regarding spiritualities, social justice issues, and the role of religion in the life of the city of Detroit.

8/23  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “The New Religious America.” The United States often is described as a “Christian” country, but in fact this is perhaps the most religiously diverse country on the planet, while also steeped increasingly in a secular culture. How do people of faith respond to these changes in society, and what should a church that stands for social justice and religious liberty do in such a city?

Sing along: Stand Up Now and Clap
Anita “Ruby” Jones

Stand up now and clap (3X), Clap along!
Sing a song with me (3X), Oh yeah, yeah!
We can change the world (3X), With our song!
Everybody clap (3X), Clap along!

Intro to First UU: Sunday, August 2nd, 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.

New Member Sunday: Sunday, August 9th
If you are interested in joining our congregation, please see Regina Weiss (regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)