

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Promenade (Walking the Dog)*
George Gershwin
- Musical Interlude:** *It Ain't Necessarily So* from *Porgy and Bess*
George & Ira Gershwin
- Musical Meditation:** *Summertime* from *Porgy and Bess*
George Gershwin
- Offertory:** *I Got Rhythm from "Girl Crazy"*
George Gershwin
- Recessional:** *Nice Work If You Can Get it*
George Gershwin

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Felice Rizzo

Today's Greeters: Eric A. Cortright Sharon Mills

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, Tamara, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

**First Unitarian-Universalist
Church**

August 3, 2014

Prayin' for the Big Easy God
Wardell Montgomery



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

**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 – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #295 *Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #466 *Religion*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #2 *Down the Ages We Have Trod*
Recessional

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

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit #8

Words by Nortbert Capek

(Lyrics reprinted with permission of the UUA)

1 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, where are you? In the sky song,
in the forest, sounds your cry. What to give you, what to call
you, what am I?

2 Many drops are in the ocean, deep and wide. Sunlight
bounces off the ripples to the sky. What to give you, what to call
you, who am I?

3 I am empty, time flies from me; what is time? Dreams eternal,
fears infernal haunt my heart. What to give you, what to call
you, O, my God?

4 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, take our hearts. Take our breath
and let our voices sing our parts. Take our hands and let us
work to shape our art.

There Is More Love Somewhere #95

African-American Hymn

1 There is more love somewhere. There is more love
somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love
somewhere.

2 There is more hope somewhere. There is more hope
somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more hope
somewhere.

3 There is more peace somewhere. There is more peace
somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more peace
somewhere.

4 There is more joy somewhere. There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more joy somewhere.

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, down by the riverside. 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, 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, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my burden, down by
the riverside, gonna study war no more. (Chorus)

3 Gonna shake hands around the world, ev'rywhere I roam, ev'rywhere
I roam, ev'rywhere I roam. Gonna shake hands around the world,
ev'rywhere I roam, gonna study war no more. (Chorus)

Reading: #466 Religion

Let religion be to us life and joy.

*Let it be a voice of renewing challenge to the best we have and
may be; let it be a call to generous action.*

Let religion be to us a dissatisfaction with things that are, which bids us
serve more eagerly the true and right.

*Let it be the sorrow that opens for us the way of sympathy,
understanding, and service to suffering humanity.*

Let religion be to us the wonder and lure of that which is only partly
known and understood.

*An eye that glories in nature's majesty and beauty, and a heart
that rejoices in deeds of kindness and of courage.*

Let religion be to us security and serenity because of its truth and
beauty, and because of the enduring worth and power of the loyalties
which it engenders.

*Let it be to us hope and purpose, and a discovery of
opportunities to express our best through daily tasks.*

Religion, uniting us with all that is admirable in human beings
everywhere.

*Holding before our eyes a prospect of the better life for
humankind, which each may help to make actual.*

Announcements and Events – August 3, 2014

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.

Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on an index card which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get a chance to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

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 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. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email. There are lots of 2014 dates still available!

Discovering UU're Midown Scavenger Hunt

You not only may Dally in the Alley on Saturday, Sept. 6, but you may join us for a scavenger hUUnt, to raise monies for First UU. Starting times will be 11am, 2pm and 5pm. You'll be getting your cIUUES via the Goose Chase app (which works with iPhones and Androids). You may make your own 3-person team or ask to be assigned to one. A student (with valid ID) is only \$5; \$10 for others. The Hunt is open to anyone in the congregation or wider community who loves a fun challenge. For more details, see Joan Smykowski, Beth Bailey or Kathe Stevens.

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3:00 and 7:00 p.m. - 69th Annual Hiroshima Commemoration Royal Oak Library, 222 E 11 Mile. Lawrence S. Wittner, Prof. of History, SUNY. At 3—"How Peace Activists Saved the World from Nuclear War". At 7--"The Necessity of Nuclear Abolition." Dine in RO between; march as a group afterwards. Peace Action, 248-548-3920, peacemichigan@gmail.com or our Carolyn Ludwig.
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