

## Today's Music

<b>Prelude:</b>	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i> Martin Luther/ arr. Harold DeCou
<b>Chalice Song:</b>	<i>The Human Touch #307</i> Words by John Andrew Storey, music by Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.
<b>Musical Meditation:</b>	<i>Blessed Quietness</i> music by W. S. Marshall/ arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Vergola Nix
<b>Offertory:</b>	<i>What Wondrous Love</i> <i>American Folk Hymn/ arr. Jim Lucas</i>
<b>Recessional:</b>	<i>Through the Eyes of Love</i> Marvin Hamlisch

### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Gwen Foss, Cantor

**Today's Flowers** are given by Maysel Brooks in memory of family and friends.

**Today's Ushers:** John Angry                      Ed Collins  
                                 Sally Borden                      Carolyn Ludwig

**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 McCollester Hall after the service.

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

## *First Unitarian-Universalist Church*

**August 12, 2012**

*"A Rock That Is Higher Than I: Finding  
My Primitive Baptist Roots in Alabama"*

*Nancy Owen Nelson*



*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 – Marilyn Mitchell, Trustee of the Day

### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #205 *Amazing Grace*

### DEEPENING

Silence and Prayer  
Musical Meditation  
Message

### RETURNING

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* *The Rock That is Higher Than I* (see insert)  
Benediction\*  
Recessional

*Congregation may exit to McCollester Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation*

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

### ***Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361***

*words and music by Louise Ruspini*

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some

change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

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### ***Blue Boat Home #1064***

words: Peter Mayer, music Roland Hugh Prichard/ accomp. arr.

Jason Shelton

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

### ***The Rock that is Higher Than I***

words by Erastus Johnson 1873, music by William Fischer, 1873

1. O sometimes the shadows are deep,  
and rough seems the path to the goal,  
And sorrows sometimes how they sweep  
Like tempests down over the soul!

#### **CHORUS**

O then to the Rock let me fly, (let me fly)  
To the Rock that is higher than I (higher than I)  
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To the Rock that is higher than I

2. O sometimes how long seems the day,  
And sometimes how weary my soul;  
But toiling in life's dusty way,  
the Rock's blessed shadow, how sweet! CHORUS

3. O near to the Rock let me keep,  
If blessings or sorrows prevail;  
Or climbing the mountain—way steep,  
Or walking the shadowy vale. CHORUS

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