

Today's Music

Prelude: *Variations on Kum Ba Yah*
Philip Jones

Musical Meditation: *Swing Low*
arr. Joe Utterback

Offertory: *South African Trilogy*
arr. Stephan P. Barnicle

Recessional: *Siph' Amandla*
South African Tune

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Flowers are donated by the Ackers for Alena's birthday!

Today's Ushers: Bob Neale Sally Borden

Today's Greeters: Carolyn Ludwig Brianna Zamborski

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 17, 2014

Regional Religious Progressives

Rev. Roger Mohr



*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 – Sharon Mills, 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 #474 *Unto the Church Universal*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #124 *Be That Guide*
Recessional

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

Just as Long as I Have Breath #6

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1 Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life; though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

2 Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth; in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

3 Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love; disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you. If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

N'kosi Sikelel' i Afrika #171

Words & music Enoch Sontongo

(Zulu) N'ko-si, si-kel-el' i Afrika, mal-u-pha-ka-nyi-sw'u-phon-do lwa-yo. Yiz-wa i-mi-than-da-zo ye-thu. N'ko-si sikel-el-a. Thi-na lu-sa-pho lwa-yo. Wo-za mo-ya, (wo-za mo-ya,) wo-za mo-ya, (wo-za mo-ya,) wo-za mo-ya o-wo-yi-ngcwe-le. U-si-si-kel-el-e. Us-si-si-kel-el-e.

Bless, O God, our country, Africa, so that she may waken from her sleep. Fill her horn with plenty, guide her feet. Bless our mother Africa. Bless our mother Africa. Spirit descend, (spirit descend,) spirit descend, (spirit descend,) spirit descend, spirit descend. Spirit divine, Spirit divine.

This Little Light of Mine #118

African American Spiritual

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Reading: #474 "Unto the Church Universal"

Unto the church universal,

Which is the depository of all ancient wisdom and the school of all modern thought;

Which recognizes in all prophets a harmony, in all scriptures a unity, and through all dispensations a continuity;

Which abjures all that separates and divides, and always magnifies all that unifies and brings peace;

Which seeks truth in freedom, justice in love, and individual discipline in social duty;

And which shall make of all sects, classes, nations, and races, one global community;

Unto this church and unto all its members, known and unknown throughout the world,

We pledge the allegiance of our hands and hearts.

~Keshab Chandra Sen, arranged by John Haynes Holmes

Announcements and Events – August 17, 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.

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.

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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.

Development Committee Meeting

The Development Committee is meeting on Wednesday, August 27, at 6pm at the home of Kathe Stevens, 443 W Hancock, between Cass and Second. You may be able to find street parking or you may park at the church's Prentis parking lot and walk over to Hancock (two blocks). You must access Kathe's home via a flight of stairs, so if you have mobility concerns please send your ideas via email, kathestevens@gmail.com, or pass them on to a representative who can attend, or call Kathe at 313-675-1553.

UU Outreach Strategy Webinar

First UU has agreed to beta-test new outreach strategies for the UUA. Nearly 70 congregations and groups have already registered. We need one to three participants for a kick-off webinar on Sunday, August 24, 5:00 – 6:30 pm or Wednesday, August 27, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. For details and/or to participate in the webinar, contact Kathe Stevens, 313-675-1553 or kathestevens@gmail.com. You can log-on to the webinar from your own computer or meet at Kathe's house to view the webinar together.

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. You must register in advance, on Eventbrite, for important information. For more details, see Joan Smykowski, Beth Bailey or Kathe Stevens.

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