

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Ode to Joy*
Ludwig van Beethoven/ arr. John Wilson
- Musical Meditation:** *Andante Cantabile* from Piano Sonata #8, op 13
Ludwig van Beethoven
- Offertory:** *Finlandia (Excerpt)*
Jean Sibelius
- Recessional:** *Prelude & Fugue in F# Major*
Johann Sebastian Bach

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Sherry A. Wells Jerry Williams

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

**First Unitarian-Universalist
Church**

**August 24, 2014
Social Life Boat
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 – Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #84 *How Far Can Reach a Smile?*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #551 *Earth Teach Me*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #125 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*
Recessional

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

Here We Have Gathered #360

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1 Here we have gathered, gathered side by side; circle of kinship, come and step inside! May all who seek here find a kindly word; may all who speak here feel they have been heard. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

2 Here we have gathered, called to celebrate days of our lifetime, matters small and great: we of all ages, women, children, men, infants and sages, sharing what we can. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

3 Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret: but in the shadows, let us not forget: we who now gather know each other's pain; kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain. Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder #211

African American Spiritual

1 We are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing on.

2 Ev'ry round goes higher, higher, ev'ry round goes higher, higher, ev'ry round goes higher, higher, we are climbing on.

3 If I stumble, will you help me? If I stumble, will you help me? If I stumble, will you help me? We are climbing on.

4 Though the road is steep and rugged, though the road is steep and rugged, though the road is steep and rugged, we are climbing on.

I'm On My Way #116

African American Spiritual

1 I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

2 I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

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3 I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

4 If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

5 I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

Reading#551, "Earth Teach Me "

Earth teach me stillness
as the grasses are stilled with light.
*Earth teach me suffering
as old stones suffer with memory.*

Earth teach me caring
as parents who secure their young.
*Earth teach me courage
as the tree which stands all alone.*

Earth teach me limitation
as the ant which crawls on the ground.
*Earth teach me freedom
as the eagle which soars in the sky*

Earth teach me resignation
as the leaves which die in the fall.
*Earth teach me regeneration
As the seed which rises in the spring.*

Earth teach me to forget myself
as melted snow forgets its life.
*Earth teach me to remember kindness
as dry fields weep with rain.*

~ From the Ute Indians of North America

Announcements and Events – August 24, 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.

Curiously Odd Movie Night - Friday, September 26 at 7:30 pm

Robert and Kathleen are hosting a monthly movie night at their house. In Sept., we will show What Dreams May Come starring Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding Jr. After dying, Chris (Williams) goes to heaven and befriends Albert (Gooding). After Chris learns of his wife's suicide, he decides to rescue her from Hell. We'll provide popcorn; you bring your beverage. Our 2 cats are very friendly. Seating is limited, so please RSVP at 313-799-2667. We are collecting donations for 1st UU church.

Share Your Voice - a sermon seminar for anyone!

This eight session seminar is an opportunity to practice telling your story in a collaborative environment. Participants will develop a sermon which they may share with the congregation. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7pm, beginning October 13. Space is limited and participants must commit to attend all eight sessions. Please contact Beth Bailey at elizabethbailey88@gmail.com with questions.

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- 8/27 **Wed., 6:00 p.m.** Development Committee Meeting 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.
- 8/31 **11:00 a.m.** Sermon, "*Water Rights and Responsibilities.*" Mary Lou Malone - A Water Ceremony will be included in the service.
1:00 p.m. Young Adults Jazz it Up at the Jazz Festival! We will meet at the outdoor Carhartt Stage in Hart Plaza.
- 9/6 **Sat., Discovering UU're Midown Scavenger Hunt**
Dally in the Alley AND join us for a First UU scavenger hUUnt fundraiser and learn about Magical Midtown. Starting times are 11am, 2pm and 5pm. Get your clUUES via the Goose Chase app (for iPhones and Androids). Make your own 3-person team or ask to be assigned to one. A student (with valid ID) is only \$5; \$10 for others. 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: Joan Smykowski, Beth Bailey or Kathe Stevens.
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