

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.

Hallelujah

words and music by Leonard Cohen

1. Now I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
It goes like this: The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah
Hallelujah , Hallelujah Hallelujah , Hallelujah

2. Your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to a kitchen chair
She broke your throne, and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Church-Related Activities

- 11/24 12:30 p.m.** Getting Involved -- for a greater sense of belonging, come to the Parlor and learn how from leaders of the variety of programs and activities. Choose your passion without pressure (*see inside*)
1:30-ish Let's go to lunch and then:
3:00 WSU Student Chamber Music Recital, Free.
- 11/27 Wed 7:00 p.m.** Singing Circle--simply for enjoyment
- 11/28 Thu 2:00 p.m.** Thanksgiving Dinner in the Parlor--contact Linda Darga at 313-833-3197 or Elayne Sikelianos at 313-823-8871 to RSVP and tell what you'll bring.
- 12/1 11:00 a.m.** Sermon, "*Transcending the Family*" In contemporary life, the family is generally understood as the core of relationship and meaning, but family is not destiny.
12:30 p.m. FUUD--all about UUism and 1st UUism--or at least an appetizer and first course for prospective members.
- 12/4 Wed 7:00 p.m.** Singing Circle. New voices always welcome. Find Gwen at a piano here.
- 12/5 Thu 10:00 a.m.** Sounds of the Season 2013 Concert and Luncheon (*see inside*)
- 12/6 Fri 5:30 p.m.** Come help decorate the spaces for Noel Nite and the season. Pizza provided.
- 12/7 Sat 11:00 a.m.** Noel Nite --come early to help usher and greet guests music which will begin at 5:15.
- 12/8 New Members Sunday**
11:00 a.m. Sermon, "*The Circumspective Perspective.*" Sometimes we become so focused that we forget to look around.
12:30 p.m. Potluck

Announcements and Events – November 24, 2013

Sounds of the Season 2013 Concert and Luncheon

The University of Michigan Detroit Center presents the Sounds of the Season 2013 Concert and Luncheon for Senior Citizens. Thursday December 5th 10am - 12pm Orchestra Place University of Michigan Detroit Center 3663 Woodward Ave. Ste 150 Detroit, MI 48201 Please RSVP by November 29 at 313-593-3584. Lunch, free parking and gift will be provided.

"Getting Involved" Especially For Noel Night

The Membership Committee would like to invite all friends and members to the "Getting Involved" session today at 12:30 pm. We will be focusing on Noel Night, which is Saturday, December 7, 2013. We will be needing volunteers to help decorate the exterior, narthex and sanctuary of the church on Friday, December 6, 2013, starting at 5:30 pm. A light dinner will be served. On Noel Night, we will be needing volunteers to greet and usher guests, from 5-10 pm. The Young Adult Group will be conducting a Coffee Cafe in Memorial Hall that evening. And don't forget the clean up!

Noel Night Is Coming!

Lots of company is coming! We are expecting a record number of visitors for the 41st Noel Night on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The First UU is working cooperatively with the Cass Commons to ensure a pleasurable and unforgettable evening for our visitors. 2013 Noel Night entertainers:

- 5:15 pm** Detroit Teachers Collective
- 6:00 pm** Earhart Elementary Middle School
- 6:45 pm** Duke Ellington Performing Arts Middle School
- 8:00 pm** Dixon's Violin
- 9:00 pm** Thornetta Davis

Sing Out Detroit December Concert

Sing Out Detroit is an LGBT chorus that provides a warm and respectful place for its members to enjoy a singing experience that we share with each other and our community. Sing Out Detroit will present their December Concert, "Holidays Unwrapped" on Sunday, December 15, 3pm, at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple in Birmingham. Tickets are \$15, available by calling (248) 943-2411 or visiting singoutdetroit.org.

3. You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?
There's a blaze of light in every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

4. I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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)

Some beliefs are like walled gardens. They encourage exclusiveness, and the feeling of being especially privileged.

_Other Beliefs are expansive and lead the way into wider and deeper sympathies.

Some beliefs are like shadows, clouding children's days with fears of unknown calamities.

_Other beliefs are like sunshine, blessing children with the warmth of happiness.

Some beliefs are divisive, separating the saved from the unsaved, friends from enemies.

_Other beliefs are bonds in a world community, where sincere differences beautify the pattern.

Some beliefs are like blinders, shutting off the power to choose one's own direction.

_Other beliefs are like gateways opening wide vistas for exploration.

Some beliefs weaken a person's self-hood. They blight the growth of resourcefulness.

_Other beliefs nurture self confidence and enrich the feeling of personal worth.

Some beliefs are rigid, like the body of death, impotent in a changing world.

_Other beliefs are pliable, like the young sapling, ever growing with the upward thrust of life.

Sophia Lyon Fahs

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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 is going to take a brief respite...There will NOT be a Vespers Service the 2nd Wednesday in December. But we will kick off the New Year with a favorite poet...Billy Collins and music from the wonderful group that performed at our November fund-raising concert Metro Jazz Voices. If you missed that concert, here's a second chance. See you January 8th, 2014 at 6 pm in the parlor.

Acknowledgements

If you have a milestone or visitor to introduce, please write the message and put it in the visitor-milestone box in the narthex (foyer at back of church) or place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. For your convenience, there are forms at the end of each pew which can be used for this purpose.

Chancel Flower Donations - 2014 Dates Now Available!

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 signup sheet is in the back of the church (the "narthex"). Please add your name and the person/event you wish to honor.

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. Questions? See Lencha after service or call 313-393-8544.