Today’s Music

Prelude: Psalm 19
Benedetto Marcello

Chalice Song: Dona Nobis Pacem, #388

Musical Meditation: Everything Possible
Fred Small

Offertory: Freedom, Merriment, and Joy
Traditional Hebrew Song, arr. Howard Rosner

Recessional: O Sing Hallelujah #217
Music by A. W. Binder

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Gwen Foss, Cantor

Flowers are donated by Margaret Beck in dedication to her sister, Melinda Drake.

Today’s Ushers: John Angry  Sally Borden
Felice Rizzo  Ruth Seifert

Today’s Greeters: Roger Ziegler  Sally Borden

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.

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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*
Welcome – Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #409 Sleep, My Child

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #515 We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #324 Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads
Benediction*
Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
**Edelweiss from “The Sound of Music”**
words by Oscar Hammerstein, Music by Richard Rodgers

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Ev'ry morning you greet me.
Small and white, clean and bright, you look happy to meet me.
Blossom of snow, may you bloom and grow, Bloom and grow forever.
Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Bless my homeland forever. (Repeat)

**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, 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.

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: #515 “We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks”**

For the sun and the dawn
Which we did not create;
__For the moon and the evening
__Which we did not make;

For food which we plant
But cannot grow;
__For friends and loved ones
__We have not earned and cannot buy;

For this gathered company
Which welcomes us as we are,
from wherever we have come;
__For all our free churches
__That keep us human and encourage us in our quest for beauty, truth, and love;

For all things which come to us
As gifts of being from sources beyond ourselves;
__Gifts of life and love and friendship
__We lift up our hearts in thanks this day.

~Richard M. Fewkes
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.

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.
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**12/7** Sat 11:00 a.m. Noel Nite --come early to help usher and greet guests music which will begin at 5:15. Contact Joan Smykowski, (734) 748-0078.

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