

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>Psalm 19</i> Benedetto Marcello
Chalice Song:	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem, #388</i>
Musical Meditation:	<i>Everything Possible</i> Fred Small
Offertory:	<i>Freedom, Merriment, and Joy</i> Traditional Hebrew Song, arr. Howard Rosner
Recessional:	<i>O Sing Hallelujah #217</i> 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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

December 1, 2013
"Transcending the Family"
Rev. Roger Mohr

**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 – Worship Leader

CENTERING

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

DEEPENING

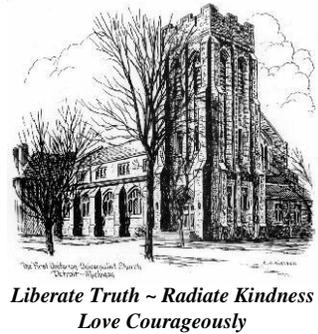
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #515 *We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks*
Message

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 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

Announcements and Events – December 1, 2013

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

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Vespers Wednesday

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- 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

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- 12/6** **Fri 5:30 p.m.** Come help decorate the spaces for Noel Nite and the season. Light dinner provided for \$5
- 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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