

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>I Can See Clearly Now</i> Johnny Nash
Chalice Song:	<i>In All Our Hearts #72 v. 4</i>
Musical Interlude:	<i>It's a Lovely Day</i> from the musical "Call Me Madam" Irving Berlin
Musical Meditation:	<i>Blowin' in the Wind</i> Bob Dylan
Offertory:	<i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i> Paul Simon
Recessional:	<i>People</i> from the musical "Funny Girl" Jule Styne

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Gwen Foss, Cantor

Flowers are donated by Gloria Williams in celebration of Bob Neale's 86th birthday on December 9th!

Today's Ushers: John Angry Dale Compton
Carolyn Ludwig Mary Lou Malone

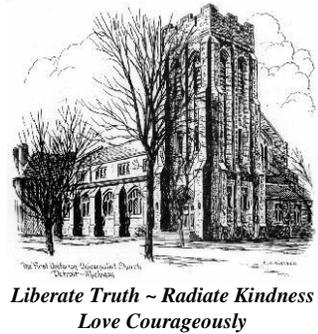
Today's Greeters: Sydney Schaaf Sharon Mills

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 8, 2013
***The Circumspective
Perspective***
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* #77 *Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #667 *The Cry of the Realist*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Benediction*
Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Lean on Me #1021

words & music: Bill Withers

1 Some-- times in our lives-- we all have pain, --we all have sorrow.
But -- if we are wise, --we know that there's -- always tomorrow

CHORUS

Lean on me -- when your'e not strong -- and I'll be your friend, --
I'll help you carry on,
For -- it won't be long -- 'til I'm gonna need -- someone to lean on.

2 Please -- swallow your pride -- if I have things you need to borrow,
For -- no one can fill -- those of your needs -- that you won't -- let show (CHORUS)

3 If -- there is a load -- you have to bear -- that you can't carry,
I'm -- right up the road -- I'll share the load -- if you just call me.
(CHORUS)

Just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We-- all need-- somebody-- to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We-- all need-- somebody-- to lean on.

Dona Nobis Pacem #388

Now Let Us Sing #368

words & music anonymous

HIGHER VOICES

1 Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.

2 Sing to the power of the hope within ...

3 Sing to the power of the love within. ...

4 Sing to the power of the joy within. ...
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LOWER VOICES

1. Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing sing sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Now let us sing to the power of the faith within.

2. Now let us sing to the power of the hope within.

3. Now let us sing to the power of the love within.

4. Now let us sing to the power of the joy within.

Reading: #667 "The Cry of the Realist"

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities. All is vanity.
__What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?

A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.

__The sun still rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.

The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

__All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.

All things are wearisome; more than one can express;

__The eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done. There is nothing new under the sun.

__Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do.

Light is sweet and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

__Even those who live many years should rejoice in them all.

~Ecclesiastes 1

Announcements and Events – December 8, 2013

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