

### Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Allegro non molto from Winter from: The Four Seasons*  
Antonio Vivaldi  
*Shivering, frozen mid the frosty snow in biting, stinging winds;  
running to and fro to stamp one's icy feet, teeth chattering in the  
bitter chill.*

**Chalice Lighting Song:** *In All Our Hearts #72 v. 4*  
words by Jeanne C. Maki, German  
Folksong

**Musical Meditation:** *Largo from Winter from "The Four Seasons"*  
Antonio Vivaldi  
*To rest contentedly beside the hearth, while those outside are  
drenched by pouring rain.*

**Offertory:** *Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!*  
Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne

**Recessional:** *Winter Wonderland*  
Felix Bernard

**Flowers are donated** by Colleen Dolan-Greene and Trey  
Greene for Nick Greene's birthday.

**Today's Ushers:** John Angry                      Art Gabhart  
Felice Rizzo                                      Sherry A. Wells

**Today's Greeters:** Sherry A. Wells      Lencha Acker

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.

~~First Unitarian-Universalist Church~~  
Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary,  
December 22, 2013  
Tamara, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## *The Solar Wheel*

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 – Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #73 *Chant for the Seasons, v. 2 only*

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading *To the Four Directions*  
Message

#### RETURNING

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #57 *All Beautiful the March of Days*

Benediction\*  
Recessional

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

***We Would Be One #318***

words by Samuel Anthony Wright, music by Jean Sibelius

1 We would be one as now we join in singing our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew to that high cause of greater understanding of who we are, and what in us is true. We would be one in living for each other to show to all a new community.

2 We would be one in building for tomorrow a nobler world than we have known today. We would be one in searching for that meaning which bends our hearts and points us on our way. As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service, with love and justice, strive to make us free.

***Dona Nobis Pacem #388***

***When the Spirit Says Do #1024***

African-American Spiritual from the Civil rights period

1. You gotta do when the spirit says do!  
You gotta do when the spirit says do!  
When the spirit says do, you got to do, Oh Lord  
You got to do when the spirit says do!  
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!  
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!  
Spirit says do! Spirit says do!

2. You gotta shout when the spirit says shout! ...  
Sprit says shout!...

3. You gotta dance when the spirit says dance! ...  
Spirit says dance!...

Reading: *To the Four Directions*

Spirit of the East, spirit of air,  
of morning and springtime:  
Be with us as the sun rises,  
in times of beginning,  
times of planting.

*Inspire us with the fresh breath of courage  
as we go forth into new adventures.*

Spirit of the South, spirit of fire,  
of noontime and summer:  
Be with us through the heat of the day  
and help us to be ever growing.

*Warm us with strength  
and energy for the work that awaits us.*

Spirit of the West, spirit of water,  
of evening and autumn:  
Be with us as the sun sets  
and help us to enjoy a rich harvest.

*Flow through us with a cooling,  
healing quietness and bring us peace.*

Spirit of the North, spirit of earth,  
of nighttime and winter:  
Be with us in the darkness,

in the time of gestation.

*Ground us in the wisdom of the changing seasons  
as we celebrate the spiraling journey of our lives.*

~Joan Goodwin

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