

Today's Music

Prelude: *O, For a Thousand Tongues*
Carl Glazer/ arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin J. Gaspard

Musical Meditation: *Neptune* from "The Planets"
Gustav Holst

The concept of "The Planets" is **astrological** rather than **astronomical**: each movement is intended to convey ideas and emotions associated with the **influence of the planets on the psyche**. In astrology, people signified by Neptune include all those engaged in aesthetic, artistic, inspirational, literary, occult and psychic vocations (including mediums and mystics), or those connected with water. Everything we cannot see or touch is Neptune's domain. Our fantasies and our hidden agendas are both born from Neptune's influence.

Originally, "Neptune", was scored for a **single organ**, as Holst believed that the sound of the piano was too percussive for a world as mysterious and distant as Neptune. The more popular orchestral version came later. The beginning of the piece seems to echo the chant of a mystic, and today's excerpt is the conclusion of the work, which seems fully submerged in a trance state.

Offertory: *Joyful, Joyful*
Ludwig van Beethoven/ Christina Harmon

Recessional: *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky! #301*
Grace Lewis McLaren

Flowers are donated by Carolyn Ludwig to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Today's Ushers: John Angry Mary Lou Malone
Ruth Seifert Danny Rebb

Today's Greeters: Marsha Bruhn Lencha Acker

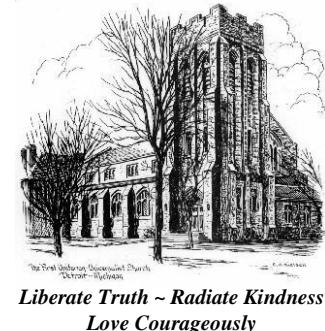
Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers. **CD recordings** of today's service will be available for \$5 from our sound technician in the Social Hall after the service.

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

January 5, 2014

Dark, Deep, Cold and Clean
Reverend Roger Mohr



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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* #344 *A Promise Through the Ages Rings*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #517
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #345 *With Joy We Claim the Growing Light*
Benediction*
Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Woyaya #1020

words & music by Loughty Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert Bailey,
Roy Bedeau, Francis Osei, Whendell Richardson, and Mac Tontoh

1. We are going, heaven knows where we are going
but we know within.

We will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will

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Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361

words and music by Louise Ruspini

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will
be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song. Today will
be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will
be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

5 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will
be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Reading: #517

I who am the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the
stars and the mysteries of the waters,

—I call upon your soul to arise and come unto Me.

For I am the soul of nature that gives life to the universe.

—From Me all things proceed and unto Me they must return.

Let My worship be in the heart that rejoices, for behold-all acts of love
and pleasure are My rituals.

*—Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion,
honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you.*

And you who seek to know Me, know that your seeking and yearning
will avail you not, unless you know the Mystery:

*—For if that which you seek, you find not within yourself, you
will never find it without.*

For behold, I have been with you from the beginning,

—I am that which is attained at the end of desire.

~Starhawk

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- 1/8 **Wed 6:00 p.m.** Vespers kicks off the New Year in the Parlor with Al Acker presenting 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, or an encore.
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