

Today's Music

Prelude: *Consider Yourself from the musical "Oliver!"*
Lionel Bart

Musical Meditation: *Edelweiss from "The Sound of Music"*
Richard Rogers

Offertory: *Climb Every Mountain from the musical
"The Sound of Music"*
Richard Rogers

Recessional: *"Getting to Know You from "The King and I"*
Richard Rogers

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Jody Wise Dan Hale

Today's Greeters: Aletha Oberdier Corine Streicher

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, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

**First Unitarian-Universalist
Church**

January 11, 2015

An Evolutionary Culture

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**

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together* #100 *There is More Love*

#347 *Gather the Spirit*

#361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Welcome – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #78 *Color and Fragrance v.1-4*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #143 *Not In Vain the Distance Beacons*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – January 11, 2015

Reading: #555 “Some Things Will Never Change”

Some things will never change.

Some things will always be the same.

The voice of forest water in the night, a woman's laughter in the dark,
the clean, hard rattle of raked gravel, the cricketing stitch of midday
in hot meadows, the delicate web of children's voices in bright air-

These things will never change.

The glitter of sunlight on roughened water, the glory of the stars, the
innocence of morning, the smell of the sea in harbors-

These things will always be the same.

The feathery blur and smoky buddings of young boughs, and
something there that comes and goes and never can be captured, the
thorn of spring, the sharp and tongueless cry-

These things will never change.

The leaf, the blade, the flower, the wind that cries and sleeps and
wakes again, the trees, whose stiff arms clash and tremble in the dark,
and the dust of lovers long since buried in the earth-

All things belonging to the earth will never change.

All things proceeding from the earth to seasons, all things that lapse
and change and come again upon the earth, these come up from the
earth that never changes, they go back into the earth that lasts forever.

Only the earth endures, but it endures forever.

The tarantula, the adder, and the asp will also never change.

Pain and death will always be the same.

But under the pavements trembling like a pulse, under the buildings
trembling like a cry, under the waste of time, under the hoof of the
beast above the broken bones of cities, there will be something
growing like a flower-

*Something bursting from the earth again, forever deathless,
faithful, coming into life again like April.*

~Thomas Wolfe

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to clean and update the Church Office. A date has not been set, however, the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for hard working individuals that would like to assist. You do not have to be a member of the Building and Grounds Committee to help. Please see or contact Tim Bailey at tbailey44444@yahoo.com.

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

The January Vespers service on the 14th at 6 pm in the parlor will feature a wide variety of GLBTQ poets and poetry. Sherry Welles will read selections from a favorite gay poet of hers, and we'll have the traditional reading from Garrison Keillor's book. All the music will be from lesbian singer the wonderful K.D. Lang. Please spread the word and consider coming as well. Al Acker

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Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on an index card which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get a chance to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Congregation-wide Book Read

We invite you to join us in reading excerpts from two very informative, interesting books: *Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality* and *Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists*. We have a few copies to lend, as well. Let Kathe Stevens know if you would like to borrow a book or Kindle.

Please see Kathe Stevens or Irene Brisson during coffee hour to sign up to participate in the discussion by January 4th so we know how to plan the event. Watch the order of service or ask any Task Force member which excerpts we have chosen to read. We will begin discussing the book excerpts after church on January 25th.

Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Alexis after service or send her an email. 2015 dates are now available!

Flowers are given by Margaret Wilkie in memory of her step- father, Alfred King.

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MLK Day Event--Monday, Jan. 19

The exhibits expand every year and this year is to include those not African-American, who were part of the movement. I commented to someone about 3 U.U. martyrs: Viola Liuzzo, who had attended First UU and 2 ministers

Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School, Detroit
3200 E. Lafayette Blvd.

9 AM Tours and Exhibits
10 AM March (2500 last year)
11:30 Program

MLK Day Free Program--Monday, Jan. 19

The Arab American National Museum with and at the Charles H Wright Museum, cordially invite you to a **FREE** afternoon of celebration, community discussion, and cultural films. We dive into Dr. King's message of tolerance, peace, and equality and how it transcends cultures, people, and boundaries.

The Charles H Wright Museum is offering a day's worth of activities including the Public Allies of Metro Detroit's youth dialogue program and films that preach Dr. King's peaceful and loving message.

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
General Motors Theater
315 E. Warren Ave, Detroit, Mi 48201

Coming in February

Our new Spiritual Growth sessions, led by Rev. Mohr will begin on February 8th in the parlor. These one hour sessions will be held monthly on the second Sunday of the month. These interactive sessions will provide an opportunity to reflect on our individual spiritual growth while supporting others in their search.

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Unitarians and Education: Radcliffe, Tuskegee and Detroit

Radcliffe was begun by a Unitarian, Elizabeth Cary Agassiz, as a version for her stepdaughters and other young women of the education her stepson was getting at Harvard, where their father, famed biologist Louis Agassiz, was teaching.

In my research for several books, I also learned of two Unitarian connections for Tuskegee--funding obtained by the contacts with Unitarians that Tuskegee co-founder, Olivia America Davidson, had back in Boston AND the fact that several Unitarians (connected with the Cary/Shaw family) conspired to make arrangements at Tuskegee such that Booker T. Washington could be put on a ship bound for Europe for a much-needed rest. He lived another ten years and but for this effort, would likely not have lived out the year. (They did not ask him for his consent, but his third wife was a co-conspirator.)

Finally, for Detroit and literacy--our congregation's work with the Sienna Literacy Center and my efforts for a Cuba-inspired adult literacy push, actually for the state of Michigan. By the time you let me give this service, I will be quite far along.

I will invite members of the Tuskegee Airman's org. that I've been working with to restore Davis Aerospace High School in Detroit and any other groups I/we can think of to attend. UUAW?! Older Girl Scouts?!

Activities In and Outside the Church

1/11 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Sermon, “An Evolutionary Culture.” It seems that contemporary culture tends to be too much about defending our learned practices and preferences. But perhaps an evolutionary culture is about creating adaptive practices and preferences.
12:30 p.m. Potluck

1/14 Wed., 6:00 p.m Vespers Wednesday. Vespers in the parlor will feature a wide variety of LGBTQ poetry from famous poets as well as contemporary authors including teens.
7:00 p.m Board Meeting
7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen

1/18 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Relational Ethics.” Ultimately, one might argue that ethics is about love. But it does require an understanding of power to love with awareness.
12:30 p.m. Music Program Meeting. Meet with Music Director Todd Ballou, to discuss the music program. This will be an opportunity to share any feedback or suggestions you may have.

1/19 Mon., 7:30 p.m Amnesty International

1/25 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Anger.” Service by Matt Friedrichs with reflections on a night in Ferguson and St. Louis.

2/1 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Human Becoming.” It is always possible to become more fully human. Indeed, human being may well evolve beyond humanity- or at least, beyond human being as we know it.

2/8 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Social Hedonism.” Hedonism is the idea that the purpose of life is to maximize our own pleasure. But human beings very often prefer shared pleasures, Ubuntu. What if we built a world in which joy was the goal?