

### Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Allegro Maestro* from Water Music Suite  
Georg Frederick Handel

**Musical Meditation:** *Ave Maria op. 53 No. 6*  
Franz Schubert/arr. Noel Rawsthorne

This piece is a famous setting of the full latin text "Ave Maria," but it was originally written as "Ellen's Third Song", with different words from epic poem by Walter Scott, Lady of the Lake, and it merely started with the words "Ave Maria." The original text (here translated) is a prayer to the Virgin Mary: "Ave Maria! maiden mild! Listen to a maiden's prayer! Thou canst hear though from the wild; Thou canst save amid despair. Safe may we sleep beneath thy care, Though banish'd, outcast and reviled – Maiden! hear a maiden's prayer; Mother, hear a suppliant child! Ave Maria

**Offertory:** *Toccata* from Twelve Pieces for Large Organ  
Theodore duBois

**Recessional:** *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky #203*  
Ausserlesene Catholishe Kitchengesang 1623  
harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams

### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister  
Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** Felice Rizzo Anita Jones

**Today's Greeters:** Dan Wiest Deanna McGraw

**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](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## *First Unitarian-Universalist Church February 1, 2015 Human Becoming 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\* #208 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
Freedom is Coming* (see insert)  
#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*  
Welcome – Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #307 *The Human Touch Can Light the Flame*

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
Message

#### RETURNING

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #312 *Here on the Paths of Every Day*  
Benediction

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

## Sing-a-Long: Freedom is Coming

### South African Tune

1. Oh Freedom, oh freedom, oh freedom  
Freedom is coming! (Repeat this section)

2. Oh yes I know, oh yes I know, oh yes I know  
Freedom is coming! (Repeat this section)

3. Oh Freedom, oh freedom, oh freedom  
Freedom is coming! (Repeat this section)

### **Reading:** #445, "The Womb of Stars"

The womb of stars embraces us; remnants of their fiery furnaces  
pulse through our veins.

*We are of the stars, the dust of the explosions cast across  
space.*

We are of the earth: we breathe and live in the breath of ancient  
plants and beasts.

*Their cells nourish the soil; we build our communities on  
their harvest of gifts.*

Our fingers trace the curves carved in clay and stone by forebears  
unknown to us.

*We are a part of the great circle of humanity gathered  
around the fire, the hearth, the altar.*

We gather anew this day to celebrate our common heritage.  
*May we recall in gratitude all that has given us birth.*

~Joy Atkinson

## Announcements and Events – February 1, 2015

### 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.

### 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.

### Updated 2014 Directory Now Available

Updates to the 2014 directory are available (corrections, additions, new  
member info). There is no cost for these updates. See Kathe Stevens  
during social hour; after today they'll be available in the office.  
Directories are available in the church office for a cost of \$2.

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#### **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!

#### **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.

#### **Introduction to First Church**

Located in Memorial Hall at 12:30 p.m., visitors and friends who would like to know more about the history and philosophy of First Church are invited to attend.

#### **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.

#### **Vespers Wednesday**

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The February 11<sup>th</sup> Vespers in the parlor will be presented by Nancy Owen Nelson, who will read a variety of poems of her own (and at least one by her mother) about love in its many manifestations.

#### **Movie Night**

The Curiously Odd Movie Night hosted by Robert Johnson and Kathleen Jacobs-Johnson continues in 2015. Set aside Friday the 13th twice. February 13th and March 13th

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### Canvas Campaign

The 2015-2016 Canvass Campaign is getting started! As we did in 2014-15, we will have Canvass Home Meetings to inform you about the fiscal needs of the church in the next year. Watch for more details in the next month! – Kathe Stevens, Canvass Committee Chair

### Grant Coordinator Needed

We're looking for a grant coordinator. If you can help, please see Matt Friedrichs, chair of the Fund Development Committee, or contact him at [friedrichs.matt@gmail.com](mailto:friedrichs.matt@gmail.com).

### Member Statements Available

Member statements of contribution for 2014 are available in McCollester Hall during the Social Hour. Please pick yours up to save First UU the cost of postage.

### Membership Book Signing

If you are ready to become a member of First Church, please consider signing the Membership Book during the service. Please see Joan Smykowski for more information.

## Activities In and Outside the Church

**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.

**12:30p.m.** Intro to 1<sup>st</sup> UU

**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?

### **Membership Book Signing**

**2/15 11:00a.m. Sermon,** “the Graceful Life.” Sometimes it seems like life moves from disaster to disaster. Yet we may be able to find grace among the ruins.

**3/1 11:00a.m. Sermon,** “The Ragged March of Progress.” Sometimes it seems that things are getting worse. But it is easy to make the argument that things are getting better, even when it seems like we are falling.