

Today's Music

Prelude: *Winter, You Are Nothing But a Villain* from
"Trois Chansons"
This piece is a choral arrangement by
Claude Debussy, of the following poem
by Charles, duc d'Orleans (1394-1465)

*Winter, you're nothing but a villain! Summer is pleasant and nice,
joined to May and April, who go hand in hand.
Summer dreams of fields, woods, and flowers, covered with green
and many other colors, by nature's command.
But you, Winter, are too full of snow, wind, rain, and hail.
You should be banished! Without exaggerating, I speak plainly—
Winter, you're nothing but a villain!*

Musical Meditation: *Allegretto* from Sonata for Harpsichord
No.2 op.318
Alan Hovhaness

Offertory: *Dance #6* from Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm
Bela Bartok

Recessional: *Morning Has Come*
Jason Shelton

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Preston Van Vliet Regina Hollingshead

Today's Greeters: Colin Gillis Sally Borden

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

February 8, 2015

Social Hedonism

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 *I've Got Peace Like a River*
#95 *There is More Love Somewhere*
#361 *Enter, Rejoice & Come In*
Welcome – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #344 *A Promise Through the Ages Rings v.1-3*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

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

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

As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden onto the shoulders of others is the great, durable, curse of the race.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.

This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Our reliance is in our love for liberty; our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all people in all lands everywhere.

Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and cannot long retain it.

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

~Abraham Lincoln

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

As we continue to grow, we'll look forward to publishing a new directory. Meanwhile, updates to the January 2014 directory are available in the church 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 11th 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

Congregation-Wide Book Read

"We'll continue our congregation-wide LGBTQ book discussion on Sunday, February 22 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. All are welcome! Contact any Welcoming Task Force member for information; we have rainbow tags on our name badges."

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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.

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

2/8 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.