

**Today's Music**

**Prelude:** *Allegro Maestoso* from *The Water Music Suite*  
George Frederick Handel

**Chalice Song:** *This Little Light of Mine #118*  
African-American Spiritual

**Musical Meditation:** *Ave Maria*  
Franz Schubert

**Offertory:** *A Mighty Fortress is our God*  
Martin Luther/ arr Harold DeCou

**Recessional:** *Sonatina in A Minor*  
George Frederick Handel

***First Unitarian-Universalist  
Church***

**February 23, 2014**  
***Moving the Goalposts***  
**Rev. Roger Mohr**



**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Gwen Foss, Cantor

**Today's Ushers:** John Angry            Ed Collins  
Trey Greene            Danny Rebb

**Today's Greeters:** Sally Borden            Sherry A Wells

**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, Tamara, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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 – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #288 *All Are Architects*

### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading #656 *A Harvest of Gratitude*

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)

### ***There's a River Flowin' in My Soul #1007***

words & music by Rose Sanders

1. There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's telling me that I'm somebody  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
2. There's a river flowin' in my heart...
3. There's a river flowin' in my mind...

Ending:

There's a river flowin', There's a river flowin'  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

### ***If I Had a Hammer***

Words & music by Lee Hays and Pete Seeger (1919-2014)

1. If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning,  
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land;  
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning,  
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,  
All ----- over this land.
2. If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning,  
I'd ring it in the evening, all over this land;  
I'd ring-- out danger, I'd ring--out a warning,  
I'd ring-- out love between my brothers and my sisters,  
All ----- over this land.
3. If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning,  
I'd sing it in the evening, all over this land;  
I'd sing-- out danger, I'd sing--out a warning,  
I'd sing-- out love between my brothers and my sisters,  
All ----- over this land.
4. Well, I got a hammer, and I've got a bell---,  
And I've--- got a song, all over this land;  
It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom,  
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters,  
All ----- over this land.

### ***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: #656 "A Harvest of Gratitude"**

Once more the fields have ripened to harvest, and the fruitful earth has fulfilled the promise of spring.

*The work of those who labor has been rewarded: They have sown and reaped, planted and gathered.*

How rich and beautiful is the bounty gathered: The golden grain and clustered corn, the grapes of purple and green,

*The crimson apples and yellow pears, and all the colors of orchard and garden, vineyard and field.*

Season follows after season, after winter the spring, after summer the harvest-laden autumn.

*From bud to blossom, from flower to fruit, from seed to bud again, the beauty of earth unfolds.*

From the harvest of the soil we are given occasion to garner a harvest of the heart and mind:

*A harvest of resolve to be careful stewards of all life's gifts and opportunities.*

A harvest of reverence for the wondrous power and life at work in things that grow, and in the soul.

*A harvest of gratitude for every good which we enjoy, and of fellowship for all who are sustained by earth's beauty.*

~Percival Chubb

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### **Milestones**

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### **Mark your calendars and support your choir...**

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