

Today's Music

<b>Prelude:</b>	<i>Finlandia</i> Jean Sibelius
<b>Musical Meditation:</b>	<i>What Wondrous Love</i> American Melody, arr Harold DeCou
<b>Offertory:</b>	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> Martin Luther, arr Harold DeCou
<b>Recessional:</b>	<i>Touch the Earth, Reach The Sky #301</i> Grace Lewis-McLaren

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister  
Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** TBA Anita Jones

**Today's Greeters:** TBA TBA

**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**

**March 1, 2015**

***"The Ragged March of Progress"***  
**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\* #345 *Guide My Feet*  
#168 *One More Step*  
#116 *I'm On My Way*  
Welcome – Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

**CENTERING**

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #114 *Forward Through the Ages*

**DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
Message

**RETURNING**

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* *Woyaya #1020* (see insert)  
Benediction

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

**Reading: #440 "From the Fragmented World"**

From the fragmented world of our everyday lives we gather together in search of wholeness.

*By many cares and preoccupations, by diverse and selfish aims are we separated from one another and divided within ourselves.*

Yet we know that no branch is utterly severed from the Tree of Life that sustains us all.

*We cherish our oneness with those around us and the countless generations that have gone before us.*

We would hold fast to all of good we inherit even as we would leave behind us the outworn and the false.

*We would escape from bondage to the ideas of our own day and from the delusions of our own fancy.*

Let us labor in hope for the dawning of a new day without hatred, violence, and injustice.

*Let us nurture the growth in our own lives of the love that has shone in the lives of the greatest of men and women, the rays of whose lamps still illumine our way.*

In this spirit we gather.  
In this spirit we pray.  
Phillip Hewett

**Announcements and Events – March 1, 2015**

**Change in Vespers Schedule for March**

The next Vespers will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the parlor as usual. It will feature various poets' views of God and some poems by Philip Levine, the Detroit-born poet laureate who died in February. There will also music from Paul Simon. We hope to see you there for a respite in your busy schedule.

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**Introduction to First Church**

Memorial Hall, 12:45pm.

Visitors and friends who would like to know more about the history and philosophy of First Church are invited to attend.

**UU Fundraiser Movie Night**

**When:** Friday, March 13th at 7:30pm

**Where:** To be held at Kathleen and Robert Johnson's home.

In conjunction with being a LGBTQ welcoming congregation, we are showing Iron Ladies, based on a true story of the 1996 Thailand National Champion Volleyball Team. Made up of gay and transgender players with a lesbian coach, help cheer them on as they win against adversity. Donations go towards 1st UU church. Popcorn provided. Hope to see you there! Next movie night will be Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**Activities In and Outside the Church**

**3/8 11:00a.m. Sermon,** "Blessed to be Human." The foundational theology of Western culture presents a pretty negative picture of human nature. But we are better than we might believe that we are.

**Membership Book Signing**

**3/15 11:00a.m. Sermon,** "Circling the Sun." As we move toward the Spring Solstice the significance of our path around the sun becomes more apparent, as well as more significant. Isn't it nice to know that we can achieve relative certainty about the realities of our universe.

**3/22 11:00a.m. Sermon,** "Look at the Heart".

**Speaker:**Kevin Szawala,

**12:30 pm: Getting Involved Session**

***Closing Hymn: Woyaya #1020***

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

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

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

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

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya

Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya

Ya!

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Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Woyaya yiyaya Ya!