

## Today's Music

- Prelude:** *The Trumpet Shall Sound*  
George Frederick Handel/ arr. Jim Lucas
- Chalice Song:** *#1066 O Brother Fire*  
Words: St. Francis of Assisi,  
adapted by Sharon Anway  
Traditional Scottish Tune
- Choir Anthem:** *Hope is the Thing with Feathers*  
Words by Emily Dickinson, music by Jenney Potter
- Musical Meditation:** *Salvation is Created*  
Paul Tschesnokoff
- Offertory:** *Spring from "The Four Seasons"*  
Antonio Vivaldi
- Recessional:** *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky #301*  
Grace Lewis-McLaren

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Gwen Foss, Cantor

**Today's Flowers** are given by Maysel Brooks in celebration of the birthdays of her family members.

**Today's Ushers:** John Angry                      Margaret Wilkie  
Mary Lou Malone                      Jerry Williams

**Today's Greeters:** Marilyn Mitchell                      Paul Chislett

**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.

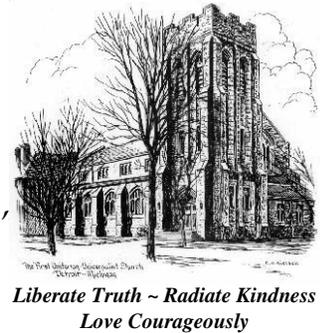
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## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

March 31, 2013

"Easter, Ostara, and the Arrival of Spring"

Reverend Roger Mohr



**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 – Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

- Prelude
- Calling To Worship
- Kindling the Flame
- Opening Hymn\* #344 *A Promise Through the Ages Rings*
- Choir Anthem; Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

#### DEEPENING

- Silent Meditation
- Invocation
- Musical Meditation
- Reading #531 *The Oversoul*
- Message

#### RETURNING

- Offering
- Closing Hymn\* #269 *Lo, the Day of Days is Here*
- Benediction\*
- Choir Benediction

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

**Edelweiss from "The Sound of Music"**

words by Oscar Hammerstein, Music by Ruchard Rodgers

Edelweiss, Edelweiss, Ev'ry morning you greet me.  
Small and white, clean and bright, you look happy to meet me.  
Blossom of snow, may you bloom and grow, Bloom and grow  
forever.  
Eldelweiss, Edelweiss, Bless my homeland forever. (Repeat)

**Utopia**

Alanis Morissette

1. We'd gather around, all in a room.  
Fasten our belts, engage in dialogue.  
We'd all slow down, rest without guilt.  
Not lie without fear, disagree—sans judgment.  
We would stay and respond and expand and include and allow  
And forgive and enjoy and evolve and discern  
And inquire and accept and admit and divulge  
And open and reach out and speak up. This is....

**CHORUS** Utopia, this is my utopia.  
This is my ideal, my end in - sight.  
Utopia, this is my utopia.  
This is my nirvana, my ultimate.

2. We'd open our arms, we'd all jump in.  
We'd all coast down, into safety nets.  
We would share and listen and support and welcome, be  
propelled  
by passion, not invest in outcomes, we would breath  
and be charmed and amused by diff'rence. be gentle  
and make room for ev'ry emotion. This is.... **CHORUS**

3. We'd provide forums, we'd all speak out.  
We'd all be heard, we'd all feel seen  
We'd rise post-obstacle, more defined, more grateful, we would  
heal  
Be humbled, and be unstoppable, we'd hold close  
And let go, and know when to do which, we'd release  
And disarm and stand up and feel safe. This is.... **CHORUS**

**Turn the World Around #1074**

words & music by Harry Belafonte and Robert Freeman

1. We come from the fire, living in the fire,  
go back to the fire, turn the world around  
Whoa- oh- oh, so is life. Ah-ah-ah so is life!  
Whoa- oh- oh, so is life. Ah-ah-ah so is life!

2. We come from the water.....

3. We come from the city.....

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*additional details on reverse*

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