



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

April 5, 2015

“April Is the Cruellest Month”

Rev. Roger Mohr

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 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*

#63 *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Welcome – Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #7 *The Leaf Unfurling*

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today's Music

Prelude: *The Trumpet Shall Sound*
Georg Frederic Handel/arr. Jim Lucas

Choir Anthem: *Now April Has Come*
Traditional Welsh Carol/arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Musical Meditation: *The Hidden Garden* from “*Three Pieces for Large Organ*”
Jehan Alain

Offertory: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
Lyra Davidica/arr. Jim Lucas

Recessional: *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky #301*
Grace Lewis-McLaren

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Anita Jones Regina Hollingshead

Today's Greeters: Joel Batterman 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.

Reading:

“In Time of Silver Rain”

In time of silver rain
The earth puts forth new life again,

*Green grasses grow
And flowers lift their heads,*

And over all the plain
The wonder spreads

Of life, Of life, Of life.

In time of silver rain
The butterflies lift silken wings
To catch a rainbow cry

*And trees put forth
New leaves to sing
In joy beneath the sky.*

When spring
And life
Are new.

~ Langston Hughes

Sing Along: Take Me Out to the Ball Game
words by Jack Norworth, music by Albert Von Tizer (1908)

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.

Announcements and Events – April 5, 2015

New Care Committee

The newly-formed Care Committee will address pastoral cares of our church community. It is chaired by Nancy Owen Nelson. Other members are Sally Borden, Edie McKnight, and Nathan Strickland. Please contact Nancy Owen Nelson, nelnan@aol.com or call her at 313-914-3475, if you would like a member of our Care Committee to reach out to you in a time of need.

2015-2016 Canvass Campaign

We're kicking off our 2015-2016 Canvass Campaign: *Give with a Loving Heart, Love with a Giving Hand*. As we approach our centennial year, we're grateful for your past support, and your loving heart and giving hands which will propel us into the next 100 years. The Governing Board invites you to attend a House Canvass Meeting to learn about present and future plans. Please pick a date, attend, share information, and decide your most comfortable level of giving for the next fiscal year:

Thursday, April 9, 6-8 pm: the home of Dave and Katherine
Vailliencourt, 360 W Oakridge Ave, Ferndale

Sunday, April 12, 2-4 pm: the home of Aletha and Matt Oberdier, 103
Hazelwood St, Detroit (New Center)

Saturday, April 18, 3-5 pm: the home of Al and Lencha Acker, 1701
Orleans St, Detroit (Lafayette Park)

See Kathe Stevens to get more information and RSVP for a Home
Canvass Meeting (or RSVP via email, kathestevens@gmail.com, or
phone, 313-675-1553).

Many thanks to our hosts for opening their homes so we may move into
our Centennial Year with a wealth of information and loving spirit!

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Anita Jones, in celebration of her children
and grandson: Amas, Bello, Nadja & Dresden.

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Intro to First UU: Sunday, April 5th, 12:30pm, Memorial Hall

All guests and those interested in learning more about First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit are invited to attend following coffee hour.

Potluck for Sunday, April 12th, 2015

This will be a special potluck as we will be in the church house parlor for coffee hour on this Sunday. Please bring FINGER FOODS ONLY, ie: appetizers, snacks, small bites and bring enough for the large crowd we expect for this special service when 4 of Viola Luiuzzo's daughters will speak to us during the service.

Selling of Audio CDs Discontinued

We've discontinued the practice of selling audio CDs of the worship services in Coffee Hour. Our equipment broke down, and demand is down because the sermons are available on our website (at 1stuu.org/Worship/sermonAudio.php). We continue to record the entire service and save the recordings, so if you ever want an audio copy of some or all of a service, let Dan Secrest or anyone on the sound team (sound@1stuu.org) know.

UU Regional Picnic & Spring Gathering!

The date is set! Our second annual Regional Picnic gathering will take place on Saturday, May 16th from 10am - 3pm at Shelter 12 on Belle Isle. Volunteer activity in the morning, and a potluck & BBQ picnic and games to follow. UU Congregations from throughout Southeast Michigan are welcome to attend!

The planning committee is seeking volunteers to assist with set-up/break-down, cooking, and activities (contact Aletha Oberdier, 248-872-3837 or alethafaye@gmail.com) and donations of food & condiments (contact Beth Bailey, [313-244-4796](tel:313-244-4796) elizabethbailey88@gmail.com)

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The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon

I now have 11 ticket reservations and can get more for Saturday, April 11th at 3 p.m. to see *The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon* it is a World Premiere. This is the story of a barefoot waif that gets lodging with a wheelchair bound curmudgeon. An explosive relationship ensues. We can go out together to dinner after the play. Hope you can come tickets are \$15 each with \$5 for the church. Please call Margaret Beck 313 882 7775 or email margretbeck@comcast.net I will also have tickets at coffee hour after church. Thanks ahead of time for participating in this fundraiser. Margaret Beck

From the Welcoming Task Force:

The Welcoming Task Force sends a huge thank you to all who helped with our March 29 marriage equality service and panel. Lencha Acker was outstanding as Worship Coordinator, the choir and Todd performed and played music essential to the tenor (pun intended) of the service, Dan Secrest did his usual stellar job as Worship Leader, our panelists were authentic and professional, and Sean McAde pulled off another afternoon of rich Sunday hospitality. It's amazing what happens on Sunday mornings when our congregation is working together!

Activities In and Outside the Church

- 4/12 **11:00a.m. Sermon**, “Reflections on Dr. Viola Liuzzo by Her Children.” Viola Liuzzo's children will speak on Viola’s legacy, carrying on her legacy, personal reflections, and relevance to today’s issues. Rev. Roger Mohr.
- 4/19 **11:00a.m. Sermon**, “Earth Day.” As we celebrate Earth Day, we are drawn to ask the question of what our personal relationship with the Earth may be, and how we might make it better. Rev. Roger Mohr.
- 4/26 **11:00a.m. Sermon**, “The Exact Center of the Modern World: Philip Levine’s Detroit.” Please join us for another in our Detroit Musings series of guest speakers: Lifelong Detroit Frank D. Rashid.