Today's Music

- Prelude: Allegro Assai from Piano Sonata in F Major K 332 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Chalice Song: Light Shine In #83 verse 3 Words by Richard Kimball, music by Samuel Sebastien Wesley
- Musical Meditation: Nocturne Op. 9 No.2 in E Flat Major Frederic Chopin
- **Offertory:** Ah! Vous Dirai-Je Maman Variations (aka Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Recessional: Sonata in C Major, H XVI: 7 Joseph Haydn

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director Gwen Foss, Cantor

This week's flowers are donated by the Ackers for Lencha and Al's anniversary!

Today's Ushers: Brad Bierwirth Marilyn Mitchell

Today's Greeters: Sharon Mills Nora Holt

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 <u>www.1stuu.org</u>; email the church secretary, Tamara, at <u>info@1stuu.org</u>; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church June 29, 2014 Flower Communion: The Earth Laughs in Flowers Danny Rebb



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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING Lighting of Candles Singing Together* Welcome – Dan Wiest, Worship Leader

CENTERING Prelude Calling To Worship Kindling the Flame Opening Hymn* #78 Color and Fragrance (words by Norbert Capek)

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation Invocation Musical Meditation Reading #492 *Fragile and Rooted* Message

RETURNING

Offering Closing Hymn* #197 *There are Numerous Strings* Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361 words and music by Louise Ruspini

1 Enter relation and some in Enter relation and so

1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

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Sing and Rejoice #395 Traditional Round

Sing and rejoice. Sing and rejoice. Let all things living now Sing and rejoice.

Come and Go with Me #1018

African American Spiritual, slavery period/ arr. Kenny Smith

1. Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

2. There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound. 3. There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

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Reading: #492 Fragile and Rooted

See a blossom in your mind's eye.

Allow it to fill the interior of your imagination.

Greater perfection of form in nature cannot be imagined. With inward gaze absorb each wondrous fluted petal.

Slide down its humid surface until you drop as the dew into its velvety core.

Immerse your senses in this safe chamber.

Such fragile beauty gives impulse to weep.

Slowly reverse the journey; as you ascend the shaft toward wider light, turn your imagination around and around to see its many facets. Stored within is the memory of all flowers.

Marvel that this creation, while utterly fragile - yet undaunted, boldly buds forth turning resolutely towards the sun.

We, too, shimmer with expectation, exuding our own illumination, color, pulse and scent.

Vulnerable, we still venture our lives courageously toward hope and light, at once fragile and rooted.

Carolyn S. Owen-Towle

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