

Today's Music

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| Prelude: | <i>Sonata in G Major</i> Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757) |
| Musical Meditation: | <i>Largo Fantasia</i> Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) |
| Offertory: | <i>The Mysterious Barricades (1717)</i> Francois Couperin (1668-1733) |
| Recessional: | <i>Air from "Symphony of Fanfares"</i> Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) |

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Bob Neal Sherry A. Wells

Today's Greeters: Dan Wiest Eric Rattan

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

*First Unitarian-Universalist
Church*

July 20, 2014

Blinded by the Blight
Reverend Roger Mohr



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

**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 – Sally Borden, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #77 *Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #651 *The Body Is Humankind*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #121 *We'll Build a Land*
Recessional

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song #108

Early Quaker Song

1 My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

2 What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

3 When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing! To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging; when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

For the Beauty of the Earth #21

words by Folliot Sanford Pierpont

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

(Chorus) Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Chorus)

3 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: (Chorus)

4 For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child, for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Chorus)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit #208

African American Spiritual

(Chorus) Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, my God spoke, o'er the mount came fire and smoke. All around me looks so shine, ask my God if all was mine. (Chorus)

2 The River Jordan runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. (Chorus)

Reading: #651 *The Body Is Humankind*

I am a single cell in a body of four billion cells. The body is humankind. I am a single cell. My needs are individual but they are not unique.

I am interlocked with other human beings in the consequences of our actions, thoughts, and feelings.

I will work for human unity and human peace; for a moral order in harmony with the order of the universe.

Together we share the quest for a society of the whole equal to our needs,

A society in which we need not live beneath our moral capacity, and in which justice has a life of its own.

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~Norman Cousins

Announcements and Events – July 20, 2014

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Vespers Wednesday

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on an index card which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get a chance to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Chancel Flower Donations

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Save the Date - Save the Planet

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