

Sept. 23, 2012 Order of Service

LEADER: The Shofar, a ram's horn trumpet, has been used by the Hebrews since their days in the wilderness to summon people to worship on Rosh Hashana, the New Year. The Shofar Service consists of a series of blessings, followed by a sounding of the horn to remind the Jewish faithful of their heritage and call them to a time of reflection. This morning we will conduct a shortened Shofar Service. Our hope is that the inclusion of this ceremony will not only acquaint us with this ancient Jewish tradition, but will prompt a similar period of reflection and renewal for us all.

The Shofar will be sounded --- T'keeah

LEADER: The sound of the ram's horn is sharp. It pierces the heart.

CONGREGATION: May my heart and mind be open to what this day and the days following ask of me. May I be prepared to speak with my mind and my heart.

The Shofar will be sounded. --- Sh'vareem

LEADER: All this week the sound of the Shofar has echoed as it has here. Where it is heard in the heart, it pulls a quiet moment out from our busy day; where it is heard in the spirit, it beseeches us to return to ourselves, to slow down and turn inward, to become "at-one" with ourselves.

The Shofar will be sounded: T'ruah

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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 signup sheet for donating flowers is now in the back of the church (some call it the narthex). Please take a moment to add your name and the person/event you wish to honor. Suggested donation is \$20 but is negotiable depending on your situation. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at the Eastern Market and delivers them to church on Sunday. The donor then takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have questions, see Lencha Acker after the service or call her at 313-393-8544. **The following dates are still available:** Oct 28, Nov 11, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16 and Dec 30. Thank You!

Message Topics

Rev. Mohr is always open to new ideas for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an idea for a sermon, please do feel free to share it.

Pop Songs for a FUUD hymnal!

We have been using lots of "contemporary" songs in our services this year, and we want to start collecting them up so we can gather sheet music for our professional musicians, Todd and Gwenn, to use on Sundays. What songs do you love to sing that might be uplifting for our services? Pete Seeger, "Turn Turn Turn"? How about Desiree, "You Gotta Be"? If you think of something, Rev. Mohr is collecting them, just send your ideas with artist and title to reverendmohr@gmail.com.

Important Reminder!

With the campaign season heating up, it is important to remember that whatever our political beliefs and preferences, the church cannot promote or take sides on behalf of a particular candidate or party. That means we cannot have individuals representing particular candidates campaigning in the buildings as guests of First Church.

If you have any questions as to what is appropriate, please contact Rev. Mohr or President Sally Borden.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361

words and music by Louise Ruspini

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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LEADER: The spirit of this time is woven around the Torah and the legendary Book of Life. The legend states that on the New Year, Rosh Hashana, each of our destinies for the year to come is written in the Book by the Angel of Life. During the days following, the Book is kept open so that we have time to think about our destinies, so that we can become “at one” with ourselves.

The **Shofar** will be sounded: **Tekiah Gedolah**.

MICHAEL DEMAS SHOFAR EXPLANATION AND TRADITIONAL SERVICE

LEADER: If we then try to understand how to take these insights with us into the everyday world, the Angel of Life **must** reconsider what was written because we are no longer bound to fate: we have taken control over our own futures. At the last sound of the Shofar on Yom Kippur, says the legend, the Book of Life for the year to come is sealed.

CONGREGATION: May it be sealed in happiness.
MEDITATION

Blue Boat Home #1064

words: Peter Mayer, music Roland Hugh Prichard/
accomp. arr. Jason Shelton

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Making Our Dreams Come True

words: Normal Gimbel, music Charles Fox

Give us any chance, we'll take it. Read us any rule, we'll break it.
We're gonna make our dreams come true, doin' it our way.

Nothin's gonna turn us back now, Straight ahead and on the track now.
We're gonna make our dreams come true, doin' it our way.

There is nothing we won't try: Never hear the word impossible.
This time there's no stopping us, we're gonna do it.

On your mark, get set, and go now. Got a dream and we just know know,
We're gonna make that dream come true.

And we'll do it our way, yes, our way. Make all your dreams come true,
And do it our way, yes our way. Make all our dreams--
-- come true---
for me and you-----

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Brush Up Your Shakespeare

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Intro to FUUD

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New! SECOND Sunday Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

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3:30 MOSES Public Rally--Rekindling Democracy, Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Donation. These are good programs. Our church is a MOSES member.

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