

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Denne er Dagen, som Herren har Gjort*  
Efter Vulpius 1609/ arr. Jesper Madsen
- Musical Meditation:** *Thanksgiving*  
George Winston 1982
- Offertory:** *O For a Thousand Tongues*  
Carl G. Glazer/ arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
- Recessional:** *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky#203*  
From Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang  
1623

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister  
Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** Marilyn Mitchell Jerry Williams

**Today's Greeters:** Sherry A. Wells 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](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Tamara, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

**First Unitarian-Universalist  
Church**

**November 30, 2014**  
**Detroit Musings Part 3 of 3**  
**Shea Howell**



*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\* #318 *We Would Be One*  
#226 *People Look East*  
#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*  
Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

**CENTERING**

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #291 *Die Gedanken Sind Frei*

**DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
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)

## **Announcements and Events – November 30, 2014**

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

All are welcome to join us after the service in the Social Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

### **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**

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 suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email. 2015 dates are now available!

### **Write for Rights Campaign**

To help celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights anniversary, the local Amnesty International group welcomes First UU to participate in our Write for Rights campaign during the social hour after the December 14 service. As we have done the last few years, there will be petitions to sign and letters to write on behalf of prisoners of conscience, torture victims, LGBT rights and other issues. We also hope to have visitors from Freedom House refugee center joining us and enjoying your hospitality as you shown in years past.

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### **Child Care Coming--**

We hope to begin providing child care during each church service starting in January. A great group of 1st UUer's have volunteered to help with the care and we will have a short training session before we begin providing the care. Alayana O. works with Head Start and is a great resource for this undertaking.

If you have any of the following items to donate to our newly decorated child care room, please let Richard Hillier, Alayna O. or Sally Borden know, but DON'T BRING THEM TO CHURCH YET:

- small kids size table and chairs
- a low shelf for toys that kids can reach on their own
- Boppy pillow and an activity gym for infants
- small play kitchen set (is usually a hit with kids)
- any toys appropriate for ages eight months to four years (larger Legos, puzzles with two to six pieces, toy cars, trains, Fisher price Little People, balls, stuffed toys and dolls)

We think we have a rocking chair and a changing table.

It will be great to see even more young children coming to church.

### **Noel Night 2014 - Volunteers Needed**

It's that time of year again and once again First UU will be a great place to be on Noel Night. As of right now we have performances going on in the sanctuary and the theater all night long. On top of that we will be running Uncommon Grounds Cafe (or CommonUnity Cafe depending on who you talk to) again.

But in order to make it all happen we need volunteers! Contact Matt Friedrichs to sign up or fill out the form located here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xk31U8J-dfxXRGUEZ82mCj887YGWaRUIQTSYIdjZTlw/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xk31U8J-dfxXRGUEZ82mCj887YGWaRUIQTSYIdjZTlw/viewform?usp=send_form)

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