

### Today's Music

#### Today we welcome our guest musicians, Sing Out Detroit!

*Sing Out Detroit provides a supportive environment for LGBT people and allies to share the joy of musical performance, creating harmony among people. They will be presenting FA-LA-LA FROZEN on Sunday, Dec. 21, 3:00pm –at Royal Oak High School. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 at door (available online at [singoutdetroit.org](http://singoutdetroit.org))*

**Prelude:** *Welcome the Holidays*  
Greg Gilpin

**Musical Meditation:** *All on a Cold Winter's Night*  
Music by Douglas E. Wagner, lyrics by Charlotte Lee

**Offertory:** *Colors of Winter*  
Amy F. Bernon

**Recessional:** *I Want to Hold Your Hand*  
John Lennon and Paul McCartney

### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Flowers are donated by** Nancy Owen Nelson and Roger Zeigler in honor of their 18th anniversary today.

**Today's Ushers:** Sherry A. Wells Ruth Seifert

**Today's Greeters:** Dan Wiest Joel Batterman

**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

December 14, 2014

*A Queer Tradition*

Rev. 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\* #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

#241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

#361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Welcome – Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

Choir Anthem 1<sup>st</sup> UU Choir & Sing Out Detroit

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading #442 *We Bid You Welcome*

Message

Welcoming Congregation Announcement - Sharon Mills

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Recessional

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Announcements and Events – December 14, 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.

### *No Vespers in December*

Because I forgot to notify Tamara, the Order of Service and December newsletter indicated that there will be Vespers this month. Actually we are taking December off. So the next Vespers will be the 2nd Wednesday in January. Look for details soon. Al Acker

### *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!

### *Volunteers Needed!*

Volunteers are needed to clean and update the Church Office. A date has not been set, however, the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for hard working individuals that would like to assist. You do not have to be a member of the Building and Grounds Committee to help. Please see or contact Tim Bailey at tbailey44444@yahoo.com.

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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.

### *Write for Rights Campaign - TODAY!*

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.

### *Introduction to First Church Meeting - TODAY!*

The Introduction to First Church has been changed to Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 12:30pm. We invite all new friends to attend to learn more about First Church and Unitarian Universalism. This is a no pressure meeting.

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