#### Today's Music

**Prelude:** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual

**Choir Anthem:** Celebrate the Differences

Jill Gallina

**Musical Meditation:** Deep River

African American Spiritual

**Offertory:** The Impossible Dream from the musical

"Man of La Mancha"

Mitch Leigh

**Recessional:** Lift Every Voice #149

J. Rosamund Johnson

#### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** Bob Neale Kathe Stevens

Today's Greeters: Maysel Brooks Glenn Maxwell

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

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church January 18, 2015 Relational Ethics 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

ORDER OF SERVICE

#### **ENTERING**

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together\* #131 Love Will Guide Us

#169 We Shall Overcome #368 Now Let Us Sing

Welcome – Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

#### **CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #130 O Liberating Noise

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1<sup>st</sup> UU Choir Director

#### **DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

#### **RETURNING**

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #34 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire Benediction

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

#### **Reading:** #607 "Beloved Presence"

Cloak yourself in a thousand ways; still shall I know you, my Beloved.

> Veil yourself with every enchantment and yet I shall feel you, Presence most dear, close and intimate.

I shall salute you in the springing of cypresses and in the sheen of lakes, the laughter of fountains.

I shall surely see you in tumbling clouds, in brightly embroidered meadows.

Oh, Beloved Presence, more beautiful than all the stars together,

I trace your face in ivy that climbs, in clusters of grapes, in morning flaming the mountains, in the clear arch of sky.

You gladden the whole earth and make every heart great.

You are the breathing of the world.

~ Shams Ud-Dun Mohammad Hafiz

#### Announcements and Events – January 11, 2015

## 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.

#### Coming in February

Our new Spiritual Growth sessions, led by Rev. Mohr will begin on February 8th in the parlor. These one hour sessions will be held monthly on the second Sunday of the month. These interactive sessions will provide an opportunity to reflect on our individual spiritual growth while supporting others in their search.

#### Updated 2014 Directory Now Available

Updates to the 2014 directory are available (corrections, additions, new member info). There is no cost for these updates. See Kathe Stevens during social hour; after today they'll be available in the office. Directories are available in the church office for a cost of \$2.

#### Announcements and Events – January 18, 2015

## Congregation-wide Book Read

We invite you to join us in reading excerpts from two very informative, interesting books: Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality and Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists. We have a few copies to lend, as well. Let Kathe Stevens know if you would like to borrow a book or Kindle.

Please see Kathe Stevens or Irene Brisson during coffee hour to sign up to participate in the discussion by January 4<sup>th</sup> so we know how to plan the event. Watch the order of service or ask any Task Force member which excerpts we have chosen to read. We will begin discussing the book excerpts after church on **January 25**<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 Alexis after service or send her an email. 2015 dates are now available!

Today's flowers are given in celebration of Colleen Dolan-Greene's birthday.

#### Announcements and Events – January 18, 2015

#### Readings for Upcoming Book Discussion Available

Welcoming Task Force member Kathe Stevens will have copies of the readings selected for the January 25<sup>th</sup> book discussion in coffee hour today. The book discussion will be at 1pm in the Parlor on January 25

#### **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.

#### Vespers Wednesday

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

#### Announcements and Events – January 18, 2015

#### MLK Day Event--Monday, Jan. 19

The exhibits expand every year and this year is to include those not African-American, who were part of the movement. I commented to someone about 3 U.U. martyrs: Viola Liuzzo, who had attended First UU and 2 ministers

Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School, Detroit 3200 E. Lafayette Blvd.

9 AM Tours and Exhibits 10 AM March (2500 last year) 11:30 Program

# MLK Day Free Program--Monday, Jan. 19

The Arab American National Museum with and at the Charles H Wright Museum, cordially invite you to a **FREE** afternoon of celebration, community discussion, and cultural films. We dive into Dr. King's message of tolerance, peace, and equality and how it transcends cultures, people, and boundaries.

The Charles H Wright Museum is offering a day's worth of activities including the Public Allies of Metro Detroit's youth dialogue program and films that preach Dr. King's peaceful and loving message.

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

General Motors Theater

315 E. Warren Ave, Detroit, Mi 48201

#### **Activities In and Outside the Church**

- 1/18 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Relational Ethics." Ultimately, one might argue that ethics is about love. But it does require an understanding of power to love with awareness.
  12:30 p.m. Music Program Meeting. Meet with Music Director Todd Ballou, to discuss the music program. This will be an opportunity to share any feedback or suggestions you may have.
- 1/19 Mon., 7:30 p.m Amnesty International
- 1/21 Wed., 7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen
- 1/25 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Anger." Service by Matt Friedrichs with reflections on a night in Ferguson and St. Louis.
  12:30 p.m. Getting Involved at 1st UU
  1:00 p.m. LGBTQ Book Discussion
- 1/28 Wed., 6:00p.m Development Committee Meeting7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen
- 2/1 11:00 a.m .Sermon, "Human Becoming." It is always possible to become more fully human. Indeed, human being may well evolve beyond humanity- or at least, beyond human being as we know it.
- **11:00 a.m. Sermon,** "Social Hedonism." Hedonism is the idea that the purpose of life is to maximize our own pleasure. But human beings very often prefer shared pleasures, Ubuntu. What if we built a world in which joy was the goal?