

Today's Music

Today we welcome back our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone

Prelude: *Here Comes the Sun*
George Harrison

Musical Meditation: *Raindrops on a Spring Day*
H. Waterstone

Offertory: *Sunny Skies*
James Taylor

Recessional: *On the Sunny Side of the Street*
Jimmy McHugh

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Bob Neale Jerry Williams

Today's Greeters: Marsha Bruhn Kathe Stevens

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

**First Unitarian-Universalist
Church**

March 15, 2015

"Circling the Sun"

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* *Come and Go with Me (see insert)*
#212 *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle*
(verses 1,4 and 5)

#361 *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*

Welcome – Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #324 *Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Why should we live in such a hurry and waste of life?

We are determined to be starved before we are hungry.

I wish to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life.

I wish to learn what life has to teach, and not, when I come to die, discover that I have not lived.

I do not wish to live what is not life, living is so dear,

Nor do I wish to practice resignation, unless it is quite necessary.

I wish to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life,

I want to cut a broad swath, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms.

If it proves to be mean, then to get the whole and genuine meanness of it, and publish its meanness to the world;

Or if it is sublime, to know it by experience, and to be able to give a true account of it.

~Henry David Thoreau

New Care Committee

The newly-formed Care Committee will address pastoral cares of our church community. It is chaired by Nancy Owen Nelson. Other members are Sally Borden, Edie McKnight, and Nathan Strickland. Please contact Nancy Owen Nelson, nelnan@aol.com or call her at 313-914-3475, if you would like a member of our Care Committee to reach out to you in a time of need.

2015-2016 Canvass Campaign

We're kicking off our 2015-2016 Canvass Campaign: *Give with a Loving Heart, Love with a Giving Hand*. As we approach our centennial year, we're grateful for your past support, and your loving heart and giving hands which will propel us into the next 100 years. The Governing Board invites you to attend a House Canvass Meeting to learn about present and future plans. Please pick a date, attend, share information, and decide your most comfortable level of giving for the next fiscal year:

Tuesday, March 31, 6-8 pm: the home of Kenneth Meyer, Oakwood Commons, 16351 Rotunda Dr, Apt 218, Dearborn
Thursday, April 9, 6-8 pm: the home of Dave and Katherine Vaillencourt, 360 W Oakridge Ave, Ferndale
Sunday, April 12, 2-4 pm: the home of Aletha and Matt Oberdier, 103 Hazelwood St, Detroit (New Center)
Saturday, April 18, 3-5 pm: the home of Al and Lencha Acker, 1701 Orleans St, Detroit (Lafayette Park)
See Kathe Stevens to get more information and RSVP for a Home Canvass Meeting (or RSVP via email, kathestevens@gmail.com, or phone, 313-675-1553).

Many thanks to our hosts for opening their homes so we may move into our Centennial Year with a wealth of information and loving spirit!

Change in Vespers Schedule for March

The next Vespers will be on the 4th Wednesday, March 25th at 6 pm in the parlor as usual. It will feature various poets' views of God and some poems by Philip Levine, the Detroit-born poet laureate who died in February. There will also music from Paul Simon. We hope to see you there for a respite in your busy schedule.

Sing-along: Come and Go with Me #1018
African American Spiritual, slavery period/ arr. Kenny Smith

1. Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

2. There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound.

3. There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

4. There'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be singin' in that land, there'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land where I'm bound.

Announcements and Events – March 15, 2015

Rev. Mohr will be in the Parlor today at 12:30 PM to share with interested members of the congregation his decision to resign as Developmental Minister, effective July 1, 2015. You should have already received a copy of his letter to the Board of Trustees. The Board has formed a committee to look at options for meeting our ministerial needs and will be following the standards of the Unitarian-Universalist Association. Please plan to attend one of the canvass meetings where we'll be talking about options, our financial capacity, and opportunities for further dialogue about our future here at First Church. A future gathering is also planned. In the meantime, we can look forward to "business as usual" on Sundays, with both Rev. Mohr and a strong set of guest speakers in the pulpit.

Activities In and Outside the Church

3/22 11:00a.m. Sermon, "Look at the Heart"

Speaker: Kevin Szawala

12:30 pm: Getting Involved Session

3/29 11:00a.m. Sermon, "Reflections on the Struggle for Marriage Equality." A personal examination of what marriage is and how the *DeBoer* case has affected people's views of marriage as a matter of law and social/religious conceptions.

Speaker: Ken Mogill

4/5 11:00a.m. Sermon, "April Is the Cruellest Month." In T.S. Eliot's poem, "The Wasteland" he begins with images of revitalization and hope after a season of struggle and suffering. On this Easter morning, may we be reminded of the tenacity of life.

