# **Today's Music**

**Prelude:** Grandmother's Minuet op 68 No 12

**Edvard Grieg** 

**Musical Meditation:** Amazing Grace

Early American Melody/ arr.

Harold DeCou

**Choir Anthem:** We're Not Lost, We're Here from Naked

Man

words by Philip Littell, music by

Bob Seely

**Offertory:** What Wondrous Love is This?\*

American Folk Hymn/ arr. Jim Lucas

**Recessional:** Here on the Paths of Every Day #313\*

The Southern Harmony

\*This tune comes from <u>The Southern Harmony</u>, and <u>Musical Companion</u>, a shape note hymn and tune book compiled by William "Singin' Billy" Walker and released in 1835. It contained 335 songs, 12 of which are in the U-U hymnal. In 1867 Walker claimed over 600,000 copies had been sold. After a few revisions, <u>The Southern Harmony</u> has remained unchanged since 1854, and about 75% of the songs are presented in three-part harmony.

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** Bob Neale Emirene Menduge

Today's Greeters: Aletha Oberdier Dan Wiest

**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.

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# First Unitarian-Universalist Church June 21, 2015

# "Searching For Nannie B." Nancy Owen Nelson



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\* #95 There is More Love Somewhere

#15 The Lone, Wild Bird\*

#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Welcome - Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

#### **CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling To Worship Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #66 When the Summer Sun is Shining\*

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

#### **DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation

Invocation

**Musical Meditation** 

Reading Message

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #411 Part in Peace\*

Benediction

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

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

# Responsive Reading: "Motherless Child"

By Amy Bowden Freedman

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child...

Here may you find a warm greeting a kind word a gentle touch

Sometimes I feel like I have no friend...

Here may you find a community of support a pulse of liberation a vision of hope

Sometimes I feel I am almost gone...

Here may you find a song to sing a moment of silence a hand to hold

Even when you are a long way from home...

May these walls give you shelter may this community break through your loneliness

**ALL:** 

And may <u>we all</u> feel the embrace of a larger Spirit of Life and Love.

Source: Inspired by the African-American spiritual "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," #97 in Singing the Living Tradition.

# Announcements and Events – June 21, 2015

# Farewell to Rev. Mohr

The congregation will say farewell to Rev. Mohr and send him off with good wishes for the next step in his career. The celebration will take place TODAY, June 21, in the Social Hall after the worship service and in conjunction with the launch and book signing of Nancy Owen Nelson's book, "Searching for Nannie B," for which Rev. Mohr wrote the "Foreword."

# **Chancel Flower Donations**

Today's flowers are given by Elayne Sikelianos, in celebration of Eleni Sikelianos 50th birthday May 31 ~~ WHO KNEW??

### 2015-16 Budget

The 2015-16 budget approved by the congregation at the May 17 annual meeting was inadvertently left out of the June newsletter. You may view it on our website, <a href="http://www.1stuu.org/">http://www.1stuu.org/</a>, under "Congregational Life, Current Newsletter."

## **Parking Reminder:**

On Sunday mornings you may park in the Prentis Parking Lot in any of the three rows closest to the alley. (During the week we are limited to parking in the row along the alley.)

# Vespers

# Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Our next Vespers will feature a wide variety of poets, beginning with a poem Mary Li Secrest wrote for Alena Acker's wedding. Also several authors' take on aging. Music is from a great new CD called "The Longest River" featuring singer/guitarist Olivia Cheney. See you at 6pm in the parlor/Memorial Hall.

# **Activities In and Outside the Church**

**11:00 a.m. Sermon,** "A World with No More War." A World with No More War.

**Dr. Glossop** is Professor Emeritus at Southern Illinois University. Ph.D.from Washington University, St. Louis. He authored: Confronting War [1st ed., 1983; 4th ed., 2001], Philosophy, An Introduction to its Problems and Vocabulary: [1974], and World Federation? A Critical Analysis of Federal World Government [1993]. President of the American Association of Teachers of Esperanto, national board member of Citizens for Global Solutions. Honorary member of Rotary International and Esperanto-USA.

Guest musician is Chris Nelson, who has been a member of the Choir during the UUA General Assembly.

7/5 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Unitarian Universalist Theology." The very name of our religion is derived from two major tenets of our historical belief systems; God is one entity, rather than a trinity, and universal salvation exists. We still hold the name Unitarian Universalist, but these beliefs are no longer at the core of who we are theologically. Does UUism have a core belief system? How do we live collectively and believe differently? Do we hold common things sacred?

Guest Speaker: Julie Brock

7/12 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "The 7th Principle." Beyond what we believe, how are we connected? How do we depend on one another and on the earth? Are there images or language we can use that evokes meaning and purpose for all when talking about these things?

Guest Speaker: Julie Brock