## **Today's Music**

**Prelude:** *Sonatina in A Minor* 

George Frederic Handel

Musical Interlude: Panis Angelicus from Mass for Three Voices

(1872)

Cesar Franck

**Musical Meditation:** Ave Verum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Offertory:** Chorale #3 in A Minor

Cesar Franck

**Recessional**: Coro from "Water Music Suite"

George Frederic Handel

#### Panis Angelicus: A Word from John Angry

In Albany, Georgia in 1936 when I was 7 years old and still singing high soprano, I was taught Panis Angelicus by my tall attractive African American teacher who founded and trained a boys choir of 8-10 boys at a totally segregated school system. The beautiful music was from a solemn mass by Cesar Franck. We learned it well enough to perform it on a radio broadcast that I no longer remember the occasion.

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Todd Ballou, Music Director

**Today's Ushers:** Danny Rebb Regina Weiss **Today's Greeters:** Carolyn Ludwig Matt Friedrichs

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

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

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church July 26, 2015

# "On Receiving the (Un) Holy Ghost: Learning to Listen to the Underside of the Strait."



Liberate Truth ~ Radia Kindness ~ Love Courageously

## James Perkinson

## 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

Stand Up Now & Clap (see insert) #361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Welcome – Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

#### **CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #174 Earth You Are Surpassing Fair Musical Interlude John Angry & Dan Secrest, soloist

## **DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading Message

## **RETURNING**

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #209 O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls Benediction

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

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

## **Reading:**

## The Negro Speaks of Rivers

Langston Hughes, 1902 - 1967

I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.
I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.
I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.
I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I've known rivers: Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

## Announcements and Events – July 26, 2015

## **Chancel Flower Donations**

Today's flowers are given by Anita Jones, in honor of the nine souls lost in Charleston, SC

## **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.

## **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.)

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## **Directory Updates**

Updates to the 2014 Church Directory are available. Please see Alexis for a copy.

## **Developing Your Leadership Workshop**

Organizations are only as strong as the people who lead and manage them, whether you are a church, a nonprofit organization or a for-profit company. There is nothing more critical to an organization's success than the development of its leaders: especially today as churches are continually challenged to identify strategies that help improve organizational stability.

Leaders are needed at all levels of churches. Your Planning Committee is pleased to announce a two hour workshop on leadership development to be held on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at church.

The workshop will be limited to the first 15 church members who register to attend. To register for your attendance please email

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## Vespers

This month's Vespers on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the parlor/Memorial Hall will feature a couple of favorites: Mary Oliver and Billy Collins, plus a delightful essay from the July 5<sup>th</sup> *New York Times*. I haven't chosen the music yet. Please come join us for a restful hour in the midst of your busy lives. Al Acker

## **New Committee**

On today, July 26, 2015 after the service at 12:30pm, our music director, Todd Ballou will convene a new *ad hoc* committee to investigate the popular idea of fundraising for and purchasing the UU hymnal supplement, titled "Singing the Journey." This committee will mostly be focused on planning and executing the fundraising effort.

The "Singing the Journey Committee" will meet more than once, so if you cannot make it next week, just talk to Todd, or keep an ear open for the next meeting.

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

11:00 a.m. Sermon, "My Mutual History with Detroit." Dawn McDuffie's poems celebrate Detroit as she has seen it through 47 years of intimate engagement. There are poems about neighbors, the homes that are restored to beauty, and the homes that sink into oblivion. Although her poems include some of the tragedies she has witnessed, she insists the city has a beauty all its own. Detroit is at the center of every one of McDuffie's books, and it is the inspiration for her next book as well.

Guest speaker, Dawn McDuffie

- 8/9 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Starting Our Conversation." Every church is a community of seekers and believers, but perhaps none embraces that shared identity more than Unitarian-Universalists. In my first Sunday in the pulpit, I want to talk some about who you are and who I am, about the journey that we have ahead, and the conversations that I hope we will share regarding spiritualities, social justice issues, and the role of religion in the life of the city of Detroit.
- **8/23 11:00 a.m. Sermon,** "The New Religious America." The United States often is described as a "Christian" country, but in fact this is perhaps the most religiously diverse country on the planet, while also steeped increasingly in a secular culture. How do people of faith respond to these changes in society, and what should a church that stands for social justice and religious liberty do in such a city?

<u>Intro to First UU:</u> Sunday, August 2nd, 12:30pm, Memorial Hall

All guests and those interested in learning more about First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit are invited to attend following coffee hour.

<u>New Member Sunday</u>: Sunday, August 9th If you are interested in joining our congregation, please see Regina Weiss (regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)

# Sing along: Stand Up Now and Clap Anita "Ruby" Jones

Stand up now and clap (3X), Clap along!
Sing a song with me (3X), Oh yeah, yeah!
We can change the world (3X), With our song!
Everybody clap (3X), Clap along!