## Today's Music

**Prelude:** Allegro non molto from Winter from :The Four Seasons"

Antonio Vivaldi

Shivering, frozen mid the frosty snow in biting, stinging winds; running to and fro to stamp one's icy feet, teeth chattering in the

bitter chill.

**Chalice Lighting Song**: In All Our Hearts #72 v. 4

words by Jeanne C. Maki,

German Folksong

**Choir Anthem**: *In the Bleak Midwinter* 

Words by Christina Rossetti,

music by Gustav Holst Arr. Donald Moore

Musical Meditation: Largo from Winter from "The Four Seasons"

Antonio Vivaldi

To rest contentedly beside the hearth, while those outside are

drenched by pouring rain.

**Offertory:** Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne

**Recessional:** Winter Wonderland

Felix Bernard

**Today's Flowers** are given by Ruth Seifert as a celebration of women!

**Today's Ushers:** John Angry Edie McKnight

Bill McKnight Margaret Wilkie

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

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church

# December 16, 2012

"Black, White, Brown and Green"

Reverend 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\*

Welcome – Sally Borden, Trustee of the Day

#### **CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #132 Bright Those Jewels

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

#### **DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation

Invocation

**Musical Meditation** 

Reading

Message

#### **RETURNING**

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #163 For the Earth Forever Turning

Benediction\*

Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)



Irregular

Music: Traditional canon

#### Black and White

Earl Robinson and David Arkin

1. The ink is black, the page is white, Together we learn to read and write.

A child is black, a child is white, The whole world looks upon the sight,

- A beautiful sight---. And now a child can understand that this is the law of the land, All the land.
- 2. The slate is black, the chalk is white, the words stand out so clear and bright.

Their robes were black, their heads were white, The school house doors were closed so tight,

- were closed so tight. Nine judges all set down their names to end the years and years of shame, Years of shame!
- 3. The world is black, the world is white, It turns by day, and then by night.

The world is black, the world is white. It turns by day, and then by night,

- --and then by night. It turn so each and ev'ryone can take his station in the sun. In the sun.
- 4. A child is black, a child is white, The whole world looks upon the sight.

The ink is black, the page is white, Together we learn to read and write.

- to read and write. And now at last we plainly see, the alphabet of liberty, Li-berty

# Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly #235

Traditional Welsh Carol

1 Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la la. 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la. Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la la la. Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la, la la la la.

- 2 See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la, la la la la. Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la, la la la la. Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la, la la la. While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la, la la la la.
- 3 Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la. Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la. Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la. Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

#### Announcements and Events - December 16, 2012

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