

Order of Service
February 5, 2012
Rev. Sharon K. Dittmar
Interim Music Director: Jera Cox

INGATHERING “Vision Song” (Shelley Jackson Denham)

We are a liberal religious haven, welcoming wonder, and spiritually free. We're sustained by a loving tradition, moved and inspired by the future we see. Boldly seeking and working for justice, gently transforming lives through deeds great and small, young and old, sharing meaning and mission, we joyfully offer our vision to all!

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE “Trumpet in Dialogue” (Louis Nicolas Clerambault)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Frederick Gillis)

OPENING HYMN #356 “Will You Seek in Far Off Places”

CHALICE LIGHTING

*Chalice, chalice burning bright, help remind us with your light
Of how we'd like to live each day with love and truth helping lead the way.*

RE RECOGNITION Meredith Plummer, DRE

SINGING THE CHILDREN TO CLASS

*You bring us hope and help to see our future world that's yet to be.
You teach us much as years go by. You are our strength, our joy, our pride.*

SILENT MEDITATION

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN #391 “Voice Still and Small”

JOYS AND SORROWS OF PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE

OFFERTORY “Let All the Beauty We Have Known” (Elizabeth Norton)

RESPONSIVE HYMN #402 “From You I Receive”

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN #134 “Our World is One World”

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE “Just a Single Voice” (Sally Albrecht)

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“The flowers this morning are in appreciation of the hard work, dedication and wisdom of the Board of Trustees and other church leaders.”

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Worship Welcomers 9 a.m.: TBA
11 a.m.: Glenetta Krause
Greeters 9 a.m.: Jan Smith
11 a.m.: Fran Turner, Alice Schneider, and Tom Brennan
Ushers: 9 a.m.: Lee Koehler and Al Lloyd
11 a.m.: Pete Rizzo and Maryann Rizzo
Sound Technicians: 9 a.m.: Andy Chirch
11 a.m.: Tom Sandman

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Announcements

Don't forget to bring in one non-perishable food item or personal hygiene product each Sunday. Let's recommit ourselves to having each adult bring one can or box of food for **Shiloh Food Pantry** each Sunday.

Say it with flowers - Celebrate or commemorate a special day, or recognize a special person by providing flowers to beautify our sanctuary. Make a contribution to the Flower Fund of \$30.00-\$45.00. The Flower Committee will order the flowers, which you may then take home after the 11:00 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Assistive Listening Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

Especially for Visitors

Please join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments. To receive a few issues of our newsletter, fill out a visitor information card at the Welcome Center in the lobby where greeters will be available to answer your questions. Check out the bookshelf area for literature about Unitarian Universalism and First Church programs.

Our next Meet the Minister program will be held on Sunday, February 19 from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. This program offers you the opportunity to meet with Reverend Sharon Dittmar in a small group setting to ask question about First Unitarian Church and its members and Unitarians in general. RSVP to Shelly Wallace (513) 324.5628, swallace6275@gmail.com by Wednesday, February 15th.

Upcoming Events

Heart & Hand Auction is Saturday, February 11, 6 – 9 p.m. Don't miss it!!! Come for a while or for the entire fun-filled evening. 6-7:30 p.m. Silent Auction. 7:45-9 p.m. Zany Live Auction. Free child care! Complementary & delicious hors-d'oeuvres & desserts! Chilled beverages! Bid on items ranging from 25 cents to \$???: baked goods! theatre tickets! parties! dinners! yardwork! vacation stays! lessons! tours! consultations! and much, much, more! Be among the first to try a new H&H activity “Heads or Tails” and win \$100 cash! Questions? Contact the H&H co-chairs Barb Rider at barb1rider@aol.com or 513.791.7723, or M.C. Brennan at mcbrennan50@gmail.com or 513.631.1455.

On February 12 and 19, Week Coordinators will help you register for positions for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Our weeks are April 1-8 and 8-15.

On Sunday, February 12, starting at 12:20 p.m. First Church HUUmanists will host a discussion, led by psychologist John Heideman, of two interesting and opposing books: Richard Dawkins *The God Delusion* and David Berlinski : *The Devil's Delusion, Atheism and It's Scientific Pretensions*. You don't have to read the books to participate; there's enough grist for the mill for all to participate. The discussion will take place in the Senior High Room. — Dick Bozian

“March Forth for Justice” Weekend, scheduled for March 3 and 4, presents a full range of activities including a full day conference on immigration justice on Saturday, immigration worship themes at all local UU congregations, and a March for the Dream Act rally Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m., at Friendship Park on the Ohio River. Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray of the Phoenix UU congregation will deliver the conference keynote address and our own Reverend Sharon Dittmar will deliver the closing benediction. The event is presented by the Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati, with cosponsorships from more than 20 other religious and social justice organizations. For more information, and to register on line, visit the website, www.immigrationjustice.org. — Lee Meyer, Project Chair

On Friday, February 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a dinner and a showing of the documentary film, “Double V” which is a companion film to the “Red Tails” movie now in theaters The film is about the Tuskegee Airmen in WWII. Dinnner begins at 6:00pm. Film showing at 7:00pm. No charge. Contributions to the Carter Memorial Fund are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Carter Memorial Fund Committee. Avondale residents, and others who are interested, are invited. Leslie Edwards, a great-grandson of W.H.G. Carter and a Tuskegee Airman, will make some remarks, and there may be other veterans. Would you like to bring cookies, fruit, or help with the meal or clean-up? Please RSVP to aret1@fuse.net. For more information call 513.793.1075.

–Ann Retford

Join us on Feb 21 from 7-8:30 p.m. for a discussion of “Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?” This is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s final manuscript, written months before his assassination in 1968. To quote from the book: “Ever since the birth of our nation, white America has had a schizophrenic personality on the question of race. She has been torn between selves—a self in which she proudly professed the great principles of democracy and a self in which she sadly practiced the antithesis of democracy.” King's vision of social justice goes far beyond matters of race. How does his life and message resonate today? Ken Stern will be our discussion facilitator and a few copies of the book will be available at the AREE table.

–Joy Haupt

The next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4 after the second service. The board will seek congregational approval for the proposed strategic plan at that meeting.

The Nominating Committee has started the process of selecting three candidates for membership on the Board of Trustees for the 2012-3 church year. If you have thoughts about personal qualities and/or experiences that would best serve the Board or specific members who you think should be considered, please contact Committee member Kara Allen(Karaolsenallen@yahoo.com, 513.221.2526). The Nominating Committee is Kara, MC Brennan, Ray Sinclair (chair), Jan Smith, and Beth Whelan.