

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 26, 2008

Reverend Sharon Dittmar
Kenny Smith, Music Director
Barb Rider, Worship Associate
Wei-Ya Lai, Keyboardist

INGATHERING – Piano Sonata in E Minor, Hob XVI: 34, Mvt. II
(Joseph Haydn)

WELCOME

PRELUDE – Prelude in E-flat Minor, Well-Tempered Clavier Book I
(J.S. Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Brent Smith)

OPENING HYMN – #347 “Gather the Spirit”

LIGHTING THE CHALICE – children come forward and sing
*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*

SINGING CHILDREN TO CLASS (Dot Christenson)
*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*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – Prelude in A Major, Op. 28 No. 7
(Frédéric Chopin)

JOYS AND SORROWS OF PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE

READING (Sara Murdock)

OFFERTORY – Piano Sonata in E Major, Op. 109, Mvt. III
(Ludwig van Beethoven)

SERMON “*Hope for Hard Times*” Reverend Sharon Dittmar

CLOSING HYMN – #29 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE – Fantasie, KV 397 (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

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Greeters: Jean Weilbaker, Ray Sinclair, Carol Carlson, and Lester Moore

Ushers: Denise Olden and Becky Algenio

Sound Technician: Ed Rider

Coffee/Tea Servers: Ann Retford and Janet Schenk

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Becky and Jose Algenio in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

All visitors are invited to join us after the service for fellowship and refreshments. Please stay, meet some new friends, and learn about all of the things going on at First Church. **To receive a few issues of our newsletter**, just fill out a visitor information card at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Greeters will be at the counter to answer your questions.

Pick up your children, 5th grade and below, in their RE classrooms at 11:45 a.m. Children and youth, 6th grade and above, will join you in coffee hour once lessons are complete.

Please join us next Sunday, November 1, when Reverend Sharon Dittmar will offer “Election Thoughts on Freedom.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Phone Number Changes: You can now reach Annie Foerster in her role as Congregational Coordinator and Pastoral Caregiver at 513.281.0039 or at pastoralcare@firstuu.com. Also, the church has a new fax number: 513.281.0137. Please put these changes in the front of your new directory. – Linda Miltner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch Bunch today after Coffee Hour. Visitors are welcome to join the Lunch Bunch at **Arlin's Pub, 307 Ludlow Avenue**, after Coffee Hour today. This is a good way to get to know a few Unitarians in an informal setting. Directions are available on the entryway bulletin board. Next week we will meet at *Ambar India* on Ludlow Avenue. Contact Carol Carlson (cell 288.8424) with questions.

Children's Costume Parade on Sunday, November 2. Come to church in your trick-or-treating costume! We will have a costume parade at the beginning of the service. Please arrive by 10:15 am to take part in the parade. We may organize the lines outside the sanctuary.

Linton Concert, Sunday, November 2 at 4 pm in the First Church sanctuary. Oboist Liang Wang (Principal Oboist of the New York Philharmonic and former Principal Oboist of the CSO) returns to play Mozart, Vivaldi, and Dvorak with CSO concertmaster Timothy Lees, Randy Bowman (flute), Richie Hawley (clarinet), William Winstead (bassoon), Elizabeth Freimuth (French horn), cellist Judith Serkin, and Owen Lee (bass), Michael Chertock (harpsichord), Richard Johnson (oboe), Michael Strauss (viola), Jonathan Gunn (clarinet), Jennifer Monroe (bassoon), and horn players Lisa Conway and Duane Dugger. The program will include Vivaldi's *Concerto in G minor for Flute, Oboe, Violin, Bassoon, and Basso Continuo*, Mozart's *Quartet for Oboe and Strings*, and the Dvorak's *Serenade for Winds*. This concert repeats as an *Encore! Linton Concert* on Monday, November 3, at Congregation Beth Adam on Loveland-Madeira Road at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available for sale at the door for both concerts. **For more information, call the Linton office at 381-6868 or visit the Linton website, lintonmusic.org.** – Lee Meyer

Odyssey Presents: *Judeo-Christian Wisdom Seekers* – Wed., Nov. 5, 7-8:45 pm at the Rohling's home (824 Kingfisher Lane in Glendale). Unitarian Universalism has evolved from a heritage of Judeo-Christian wisdom. In recognition of this spiritual journey, a group of us will meet to begin an informal exchange of views centering on what we hope will be a continuing discussion about the relevance of liberal Christianity to contemporary Unitarian Universalism. Members who share an interest in this topic should feel free to join us. Dessert and coffee will be provided. For information, please contact Jean Rohling (771.4586).

Rev. Sharon Dittmar will hold her next "Meet the Minister" session from 9 to 10 am on Sunday, November 16. This is a great chance for visitors and prospective members to get answers to their questions about First Church. Sharon will give a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalist history and theology, explain the expectations for membership, and answer questions you may have about our congregation. No reservations are needed and you need not be considering membership to attend. Contact Linda Miltner (661.6993, lmiltner@nuvox.net).

Circle Suppers in full swing. It is hoped that all Circle Supper guests have been contacted for the current season (Oct.-Dec. 31). If you didn't sign up and would still like to participate in this adult social activity for the next two supper seasons (winter and spring/summer), please call Noëlle Masukawa at 513.793.6360.

Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23. It's time for one of First Church's favorite traditions! Our family-style Thanksgiving dinner will be held at noon in the Ellen Hall Room on Sunday, November 23. Dinner costs \$7 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for toddlers. (Note: The prices are lower this year, reflecting only estimated costs. Donations to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee can be made separately). We are currently in need of several volunteers to do set-up, kitchen help, and various other duties. Sign up early to volunteer and to attend the dinner (limited to 110 people) after church or by calling Carol Scott at 561.6792.