

**Today's Music**

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| <b>Prelude:</b>            | <i>Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring</i><br>Johann Sebastian Bach             |
| <b>Musical Meditation:</b> | <i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i><br>African American Spiritual         |
| <b>Offertory:</b>          | <i>Amazing Grace</i><br>words by John Newton,<br>early American Melody |
| <b>Recessional:</b>        | <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i><br>Martin Luther                   |

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

**January 24, 2016**

**"Did Jesus Mean It"**

**Danny Rebb**



*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

*Praise Be to God, the Almighty (see insert)*

*For the Beauty of the Earth (see insert)*

*#29 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (gray hymnal)*

**WELCOME**

Sally Borden, Worship Leader

**CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\*

*God is Love (see insert)*

**DEEPENING**

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Responsive Reading

Message

**RETURNING**

Offering

Closing Hymn\*

*O God, Above Drifting Years (see insert)*

Benediction

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator

Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

**Today's Ushers:** Bill McKnight Edie McKnight

**Today's Greeters:** Deanna McGraw Roger Zeigler

**Hearing Assistance** devices are available from any of our ushers.

**Large Print Hymnals** are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## Announcements and Events – January 24, 2016

### January 2016 Vespers

Inspired by her wonderful church service last year, the first Vespers of the new year will feature the poetic lyrics and music of songwriter extraordinaire Lee Thume on Wednesday **January 27** at 6 pm in the Parlor/Memorial Hall. Please join us for an hour of quiet beauty.

... Al Acker

### Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Elayne Sikelianos in honor of her mother, Helene Pappamarkou, the Leopard Girl.

### Escalating Inequality: Let's Talk, 2016 Winter Speaker Series

Thursday, February 18, 2016, Hon. Marilyn Kelly

Thursday, March 17, 2016, Peter J. Hammer

At Birmingham Unitarian Church sponsored by 1<sup>st</sup> UU and four other southeast Michigan UU churches. The fee is \$7 for each talk. For more information or to make reservations, see Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

### Music Discussion after the service on January 31, 2106.

Todd Ballou would like to invite you to a music discussion! This will be a casual discussion of the entire music program at 1<sup>st</sup> UU church, seeking feedback, ideas, and inspiration for the year ahead. Topics may include instrumental music, our organ, our choir, hymns, or the difference between C sharp and D flat. The last "Congregational Music Forum" was held one year ago in January 2015, and that discussion inspired the purchase of our new teal hymnals. (Note that this is a correction from our most recent newsletter, which lists the music discussion on January 24<sup>th</sup>.)

### Introduction to First UU Session-02/07/16, 12:30 pm

Learn more about the First Church of Detroit and about Unitarian-Universalism at this informative and fun session. Please see or contact Regina Weiss if you have any questions. Regina may be reached at: [regina.a.weiss@gmail.com](mailto:regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)

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### Center for Progressive Leadership

The Center for Progressive Leadership will be holding a training session in the Social Hall today. Please plan to enjoy coffee and conversation in the Parlor.

### 2015 Contribution Statements

Statements were emailed to those whose email address is recorded in PowerChurch, the accounting software package we use. Printed 2015 Contribution Statements are available during the social hour for those contributors who do not receive emailed statements. If you do not receive emailed statements, pick yours up and help us save postage. See Dan Wiest with your questions.

### Sunday Sermons

**1/31 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Social Justice and the Spiritual Journey: A Remembrance of Vic Schumacher"

**Speakers:** Rev. Lynda Smith; Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Linda Darga

The quest for social justice is exemplified in the life of Vic Schumacher, an icon of First UU and Detroit for many years. Rev. Lynda Smith, a long time member of First UU and now minister at the UU Fellowship of Athens, Ohio will lead this service. She will be assisted by Vic's daughter, Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, also a UU minister, and Linda Darga, Vic's widow. Vic's legacy gives a context for today's justice work.

**2/7 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Black Theology & Black Power"

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

At the outset of Black History Month, I want to consider the first, ground-breaking work of James H. Cone, the father of Black liberation theology. One of the most important theological texts of the 20th century, Black Theology & Black Power opened the doors to contextual theologies in America. This is the first in a month-long series on the influence of black scholars on theology and religion in America.

**1st Singing Together Hymn: Praise Be to God, the Almighty (#7 From "Hymns of the Spirit, 1937)**

**words by Joachim Neander, 1680, translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1858, music from the Straslund Gesangbuch, 1665**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of cre-a-tion: O my soul praise Him, for he is thy help and sal-va-tion: Join the great throng, Wake harp and psalter and song, Sound forth they glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth: Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth: Hast though not seen How what though needest hath been Grant-ed in what he ordaineth.
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper they work and defend thee: Surely his goodness and mercy doth daily attend thee: Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again: Gladly for aye we adore him. Amen

**2nd Singing Together Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (#32 From "Hymns of the Spirit, 1937)**

**words by Folllott Stanford Pierpoint, 1864, music by Conrad Kocher, 1838**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies; Lord of all to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise. Amen

**Opening Hymn: God is Love (#83 From "Hymns of the Spirit, 1937)**

**words by John Bowring, 1825, music by Martin Shaw, 1915**

1. God is love; his mercy brightens All the path in which we rove; Bliss he wakes, and woe he lightens: God is wisdom, God is Love.
2. Chance and change are busy ever, Man decays, and ages move; But his mercy waneth never: God is wisdom, God is Love.
3. E'en the hour that darkest seemeth Will his changeless goodness prove; From the mist his brightness streameth; God is wisdom, God is love.
4. He with earthly cares entwineth Hope and comfort from above; Everywhere his glory shineth: God is wisdom, God is Love. Amen

**Closing Hymn: O God, Above the Drifting Years (#362 From "Hymns of the Spirit, 1937)**

**words by John Wright Buckham, 1916, music by Samuel Webbe, 1782**

1. O God, above the drifting years, The shrines our fathers founded stand, And where the higher gain appears, We trace the working of thy hand.
2. From out their tireless prayer and toil Emerge the gifts that time has proved, And seed laid deep in sacred soil Yields harvests rich in lasting good.
3. The torch to their devotion lent Lightens the dark that round us lies; Help us to pass it on unspent, Until the dawn lights up the skies.
4. Fill thou our hearts with faith like theirs, Who served the days they could not see: And give us grace, through ampler years, To build the Kingdom yet to be. Amen

**Responsive Reading: Fellowship (#54 From "Hymns of the Spirit, 1937)**

**various Sources: Psalm 133, William Morris, 1 John,**

**Romans 14, Thomas Carlyle, and others**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

**Fellowship is life, and lack of fellowship is death.**

Fellowship is heaven and lack of fellowship is hell.

**It is the deeds that we do upon earth, it is for fellowship's sake that we do them.**

If we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another.

**Therefore let us turn aside from the ways of darkness wherein each man seeks only his own gain.**

Not what we keep but what we share makes us truly rich.

**He who seeks selfish ends separates himself from mankind and loses his own soul.**

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

**Though a man think he be sufficient unto himself yet ten men united in love can do what ten thousand singly would fail in.**

Seek ye, therefore, to dwell in love and peace and truth one with another, and the gifts of the spirit shall enrich all and make no man poor.

**Since in fellowship is strength, and immeasurable is the help that man can yield to man.**