

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

February 5, 2017

"Mapping the Water Crisis"

Monica Lewis Patrick



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*

#152 *Follow the Drinking Gourd*
#1018 *Come and Go With Me*

WELCOME

Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*

#314 *We Are Children of the Earth*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response
Message

#123 *Spirit of Life*

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn*
Benediction

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today's Music

Prelude: *Fanfare for the Common Man*
Aaron Copland

Musical Meditation: *Ocean Dream*
Paul Winter

Offertory: *Bridge Over Troubled Water*
Paul Simon

Recessional: *Wade in the Water #210*
African American Spiritual

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Danny Rebb Irene Brisson
Today's Greeters: Maysel Brooks Bill Dickinson

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

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters**.

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

Announcements and Events – February 5, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers are given by Trey & Colleen Dolan-Greene in memory of Trey's father Walter R. Greene, Jr. who was born 100 years ago on February 3, 1917.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: "INTRO TO UU DETROIT"

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The "Intro to UU Detroit" class offers introductory information on what the Church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the Unitarian Universalist tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of UU Detroit. Please do attend: we are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 12: WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

This service is scheduled when Membership Chair Dessa Cosma is notified that we have a new member who wishes to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Let Dessa know you're interested so we may welcome you properly!

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 12: POTLUCK

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church to share with our UU Detroit community! As we add new members, it's a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

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SOCIAL HOUR

There will be a training in the large social hall from 9-5 today, Sunday February 5th. Social hour will be held in the Parlor.

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 12: NETWORKING

All congregants are invited to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on the second Sunday of the month. Many of us would certainly like to be able to support businesses of fellow church members and if you feel the same, here is an opportunity to do just that.

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE

The escalating inequality task force is sponsoring "A conversation about school funding in Michigan: Past, Present, and Future" on Thursday, February 16, 2017. The location is the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave, in Bloomfield Hills. It will be from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The speaker will be Gilda Jacobs, President and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. This will be the first of three events in this series. Tickets are \$7 for each event or \$15 for all three. To sign up or get additional information about this series, please see **Sharon Mills** or **Mary Lou Malone** during coffee hour.

FEBRUARY VESPERS

Given the current political climate and the proximity to Valentine's Day Vespers will feature poetry about all kinds of love except the Hallmark variety and some "lovely" music. It's all happening Wednesday February 22 from 6 to 7 pm in the parlor. Hope to see you there. Al Acker

Sunday Sermons and Events

2/5 11:00 AM Sermon, "Mapping the Water Crisis"

Speaker: Monica Lewis Patrick

Monica Lewis-Patrick, 50, president and CEO of *We the People of Detroit*, is African American and has lived in Detroit for the past decade. Deeply disturbed by the water crisis here in Michigan, Lewis-Patrick set out to provide daily essentials to those in need. She has helped low-income families and the elderly, from Detroit to Flint, gain access to clean water—something many of us take for granted.

2/12 11:00 AM Sermon, "A New America?"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In the aftermath of the 2016 election, we have heard about a troubling rise in disturbing behaviors which many would describe as racist and anti-immigrant, including the national story that originated out of Royal Oak here in Michigan. Is this a new American reality, or is this indicative of who we were already?

2/19 11:00 AM Sermon, "On James Baldwin"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

During this Black History Month, a request that came from a member of our congregation is that I speak about novelist, playwright, and social critic James Baldwin and his legacy.

2/26 11:00 AM Sermon, "Conscience and Democracy"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Continuing our monthly series on the seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I will focus on the Fifth Principle: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."

This Water is Sacred by Ranwa Hammamy

This water is sacred.

It is made sacred by the many hands that have poured it with intention and love, the many stories that each drop contains, the many lives surrounding it in this unique moment, connected by commitment and faith.

This water is sacred.

May it continue to flow through this community, with shining reflections of the unique gifts that flow through each of its members.

This water is sacred.

May it continue to nurture this community with sustaining hope that we journey together through ripples of growth and change.

This water is sacred.

May it continue to bless this community with loving reminders of our collective responsibility to one another and the world.

This water is sacred.

May its ripples be a reminder that the changes and growth within this community bring movement and transformation to the world beyond our doors.

This water is sacred.

May its purity offer grace to our community, and the willingness to forgive ourselves and one another when we make mistakes.

This water is sacred.

In moments when we are confused or uncertain, may it bring us clarity of purpose and commitment.

This water is sacred.

In moments when the reservoirs of hearts and spirits are drained by sorrow or pain, may it nourish them with the knowledge that we are surrounded by a deep and abundant love.

This water is sacred.