

Today's Music

Today our guest musician is Hannah Waterstone.

Prelude:	<i>Canon in D</i> Johann Pachelbel
Musical Meditation:	<i>Drops on the Waterfall</i> Hannah Waterstone
Offertory:	<i>Peace Like a River</i> American Hymn
Recessional:	<i>Gigue</i> Johann Sebastian Bach

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

February 28, 2016

"Tale of Two Cities: Flint & Detroit"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



*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 #1007 *There's a River Flowin'*
#172 *Siph' Amandla (English verses only)*
#1021 *Lean On Me*

WELCOME

Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1027 *When the Poor Ones*

DEEPENING

Invocation
Silent Meditation
Musical Meditation
Responsive Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #121 *We'll Build a Land*
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: Anita Jones Regina Weiss

Today's Greeters: Sydney Schaaf Carolyn Lusch

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

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 28, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Marilyn Mitchell.

Share the Plate Collection for Water

Following today's sermon on water, we will split the proceeds of our offering with the People's Water Board of Detroit, to help them provide water for our neighbors suffering water shutoffs. For those of you who pay your pledge via the collection plate, unless your check or your collection envelope indicate otherwise, 50% of the amount you put in today's plate will go to the People's Water Board and 50% to the church.

If you have a preference, you should write a note in the memo line of your check or write a note on your collection envelope. Otherwise the amount you put in the plate will be split 50/50 between the church and the People's Water Board. We invite you to give generously, however you give!

Help us to Minister to Each Other

If you or someone you know is sick, in need of a pastoral call or other assistance, please let us know by contacting Nancy Owen Nelson at nelnan@aol.com to provide a network for communication and support.

Membership Goal for 2016

We now have over 100 members at First Church. Our goal for 2016 is to have 125 members. We must continue to reach out and invite previous and new Church friends to attend services, programs and events. Being a Unitarian Universalist is a tough job. We each, on our own, have to figure out what we must believe. Be part of our journey, by becoming a member.

Sunday Sermons and Events

Introduction to First UU

March 6, 2016, 12:30 pm - As Unitarian-Universalists, our Principles affirm "the free and responsible search for meaning." This is core to what defines us as people of faith. If you would like to know more about our Church's history and philosophy, please join us for the next "Introduction to First UU" session. Please contact Regina Weiss, if you have any questions at regina.a.weiss@gmail.com.

- 3/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Feminist Theology"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
As we enter into Women's History Month, I want to offer a brief review of feminist theology and its responses to the first wave, second wave, and third wave of feminist thought.
- 3/13 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Defining Spirituality"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of my charges for this year is to offer programs on "spirituality." This is an almost infinitely broad term, intentionally capacious in its scope. Today, I will speak to various approaches to spirituality and how we, as a congregation, might explore spirituality together through engaging programs in the months ahead.
- 3/20 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Women and Ordination"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Unitarians and Universalists were among the first denominations to welcome women to join the ranks of ordained clergy, and indeed women always have been at the forefronts of these two, not twinned, religious movements. In conversation with research done by Danny Rebb at our church's archives at the University of Michigan, I will discuss some of the influential UUA women who have moved through our church in Detroit.
- 4/3 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "On Stewardship"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
How do we participate in the mission of our church? What are the ways that we ensure the present and future of a church that rightfully celebrates its proud past? How do we use our gifts to expand our capacities beyond ourselves and for the betterment of others and the world?