

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church

March 5, 2017

*“Peace, Liberty, and Justice”*  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



**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\*

#1008 *When Our Heart is In A Holy Place*  
#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

### WELCOME

Sally Borden, Worship Leader

### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling to Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\*

#134 *Our World is One World*

### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
Response  
Message

#123 *Spirit of Life*

### RETURNING

Offering  
Closing Hymn\*  
Benediction

#148 *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

*Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation  
(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)*

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *You Are the Light adapted from The Olympic Fanfare, aka Bugler's Dream*  
Leo Arnaud

**Musical Meditation:** *On the Turning Away (1987)*  
Pink Floyd (David Gilmour & Anthony Moore)

**Offertory:** *Waka Waka, Anthem from the 2010 FIFA World Cup*  
Shakira, Zolani Mohala, John Hill, Dooh Belly Eugene Victor, Ze Bell Jean Paul, and Emile Kojidie

**Recessional:** *What the World Needs Now*  
Burt Bacharach

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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

**Today's Ushers:** Emma Velasquez Danny Rebb  
**Today's Greeters:** Marsha Bruhn Carmen Mendoza-King

**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](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 – March 5, 2017

### FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers are given by Maysel Brooks in memory of Dr. Hubert Benoit and a life well lived

### INTRO TO FIRST UU

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism or need to brush up on your history? Maybe you've been UU for years, but new to our congregation. Either way, you've got the opportunity to learn more about this church and our faith tradition after the service today at our monthly Intro to UU workshop. Find Sally Borden or Dessa Cosma during coffee hour and we'll give you the scoop! This workshop usually lasts about an hour.

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to Dessa Cosma, the Membership Committee Chair. We will be inviting new members to sign the book during the service on Sunday, March. 12th.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Ministerial Search Committee is pleased to announce that a candidate for our Settled Minister has been selected for your consideration. A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, March 26, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Social Hall for a vote by the congregation. YOUR VOTE COUNTS. It is imperative that you attend to help determine the future of our church.

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 19

Please mark your calendars for the Planning Committee's upcoming meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 12:30 PM in the Chancel.

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### ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE

The escalating inequality task force is sponsoring "Saving our Healthcare in an Ant-Government Environment" on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The location is the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave, in Bloomfield Hills. It will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The speaker will be Marjorie Mitchell, Executive Director of the Michigan Universal Health Care Access Network. Tickets are \$7 per event. To register in advance, see **Sharon Mills** or **Mary Lou Malone** during social hour. You may also register online with Eventbrite: ([tinyurl.com/2017Series](http://tinyurl.com/2017Series)) or at the door.

### BOOK DISCUSSION—MARCH 19 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Please join us on Sunday, March 19, at 12:30 PM, in the Parlor, for a discussion of "March: Book One," the first book in a graphic novel trilogy authored by Congressman John Lewis, in collaboration with co-writer Andrew Aydin and New York Times best-selling artist Nate Powell (winner of the Eisner Award and LA Times Book Prize finalist for Swallow Me Whole). The book is available in bookstores, including our neighborhood bookstore, Source Booksellers, or online.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Nominating Committee is looking people from the congregation to represent us at the UUA's General Assembly (New Orleans June 21-25) as well as the regional MidAmerica Conference (April 2018). We are also looking for people who want to take on a leadership role either on our board or on the nominating committee. If you are interested please contact Matt Friedrichs - [friedrichs.matt@gmail.com](mailto:friedrichs.matt@gmail.com), 301-928-4227

## Sunday Sermons and Events

### **TODAY 3/5 11:00 AM Sermon, "Peace, Liberty, and Justice"**

**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 Sixth Principle: "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

### **3/12 11:00 AM Sermon, "The Power of Protest"**

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

One of the most potent forms of resistance against governments is protest. As we live in an America where 60's radicals suddenly find themselves turning on TV screens to find millions of women marching in the streets, protesters against an oil pipeline huddled in snowy terrain, and plans for new massive protests afoot, how do we interpret this social phenomenon?

### **3/19 11:00 AM Sermon, "Chaos or Community?"**

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

In today's political climate, many of us wonder whether we are headed toward chaos. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote an important book, *Chaos or Community?*, for a different time. However, the lessons of this book are ones that may still apply to American society today.

### **3/26 11:00 AM Sermon, "On Cornel West"**

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

Cornel West, Harvard professor and one of the preeminent public intellectuals of our time, will be speaking in Grosse Pointe soon. As some of the members of our church prepare to attend this public lecture, I wanted to speak about the legacy of Cornel West, especially his flagship books *Race Matters* and *Democracy Matters*.