

Today's Music

In recognition of Women's History Month, all of today's music, including the hymns are by women composers.

Prelude: *Now With the Dawn, the Sun Wakes*
Vittoria Aleotti (c.1574- after 1646)

Musical Meditation: *Moments with God*
Lee Thume (2008)
*I celebrate those moments, those quiet, peaceful moments
when I'm one with all that's out there, all that is.
I can feel it all around me, cosmic energy that's found me,
An infused my being with a kind of bliss!*

Offertory: *Impromptu*
Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

Recessional: *From a Distance*
Julie Gold

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: Deanna McGraw Paul Chislett

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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

March 6, 2016

"Feminist Theology"

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 #346 *Come Sing a Song With Me*
#186 *One More Step*
#361 *Enter, Rejoice and Come In*

WELCOME

Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #356 *We Laugh, We Cry*

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Responsive Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #1026 *If Every Woman in the World*

Benediction

Announcements and Events – March 6, 2016

Mother's Day

Join us again on Mother's Day, May 8, 2016 @ First UU Detroit Church/Cass Corridor Commons, 4605 Cass at Forest, at 8:00 AM. We will walk to Grand Circus Park and gather on the East side surrounding the bronze statue redubbed "Ikwe Michigamma" (Woman of the Great Waters). We will offer prayers, songs and intentions to bring justice, compassion, equity and peace into the affairs of our social, political, economic and spiritual institutions. We will return to First UU for a special Mother's Day service at 11:00 AM.

Escalating inequality: Let's Talk, 2016 Winter Speak Series

Thursday, March 17, 2016, Peter Hammer. At Birmingham Unitarian Church, sponsored by 1st UU and four other southeast Michigan UU churches. The fee is \$7(you can pay in advance or at the door). For more information or to make reservations, See Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

The March Vespers

Since the weather gods messed us up February 26, what was scheduled then moves to 6pm **March 23rd** in the parlor/memorial hall featuring Anita Jones... here's what she says about her performance: "My Voice is My Instrument - I will share original songs and poems along with the story of my alter ego, Ruby Woods. I will sing acapella and bring along my bag of percussion instruments." Come, join me and other poetry and music fans and enjoy and relax. Al Acker

Membership Book Signing

March 13, 2016-After the Service-The next Membership Book signing will be Sunday, March 13th. Please see or contact Regina Weiss if you are interested in signing the Membership Book. Membership forms may be found at <http://www.1stuu.org/Membership/membership.php>.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in loving memory of James R. Dolan (1918-1976).

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Anishinaabe World View

Anishinaabe World View is being hosted by Diana Copeland March 4th - 6th. The event, which is open to invited participants only, will be in the Parlor **TODAY** from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Heat in the Sanctuary

The boiler that provides the heat to the sanctuary has a broken gasket. EMEAC is aware of the broken gasket and has come up with a work-around because the gasket will cost \$4,000 to repair. We're working with EMEAC and we thank each and every one of you for your patience this winter as we have "chilled" in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, see any board member: Kathe Stevens, Matt Friedrichs, Dan Wiest, Danny Rebb, Marsha Bruhn, Joel Batterman, Sydney Schaaf or Dave Vaillencourt.

Defining Spirituality

Rev. Murray invites people interested in spirituality programs for the rest of the year to engage in a conversation after the worship service on Sunday, March 13. It's potluck Sunday, so please get your food and join him on the sofas in the Parlor for a discussion about spirituality at First UU, with Rev. Murray moderating the conversation. He'll jumpstart the conversation with his March 13 sermon, "Defining Spirituality."

Settled Minister Search

Do you have questions about our search for a settled minister? Rev. Barbara Child, the Ministerial Settlement Representative for the MidAmerica Region, will be presenting information and answering questions about our settled minister search process after the worship service on Sunday, April 10, at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary. That's our Potluck Sunday, so bring your best dishes and be prepared for an informative meeting!

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.

Sunday Sermons and Events

Introduction to First UU

TODAY, 12:30 pm - Intro to First UU” Session-All friends of First UU, are invited to attend the “Intro to First UU” Session today, to learn about the history and philosophy of Unitarian-Universalism. The no-pressure, informative Session will take place in the Church house. Please learn how you can start your membership journey. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Regina Weiss.

- 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?