

Today's Music

Prelude: *Us and Them* from the TV Series
Downton Abbey
John Lunn

Musical Meditation: *Such Good Luck* from the TV
Series Downton Abbey
John Lunn

Offertory: *Downton Abbey-The Suite*
John Lunn

Recessional: *Gather the Spirit #347*
Jim Scott

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

March 13, 2016

"Defining Spirituality"

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 #348 *Guide My Feet*
#376 *Sing Loudly 'Til the Stars have Heard*
#377 *In Greening Lands Begins The Song*
#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

WELCOME

Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #1052 *The Oneness of Everything*

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Responsive Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #145 *As Tranquil Streams*

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: Danny Rebb Regina Weiss

Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Marsha Bruhn

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.

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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 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

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!

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.

Defining Spirituality

Rev. Murray invites people interested in spirituality programs for the rest of the year to engage in a conversation during potluck after the worship service today. 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 sermon today, "Defining Spirituality."

2016-17 Canvass

The 2016-17 Canvass is under way and we hope you can attend the following special events:

March 20, following the service, a nice luncheon, followed by a presentation on our goals for this year, accomplishments, and the proposed budget;

April 3, Stewardship Sunday, Rev. Murray's sermon "On Stewardship" and the collection of completed pledge forms. Contact Marsha Bruhn, 313-400-1192 or Marilyn Mitchell, 313-617 5989 for more information.

Michigan Time to Care Coalition

Please support the Michigan Time to Care Coalition to ensure that all workers in our state have access to earned, paid sick time to take care of themselves or their families when they are sick. Currently, 1.5 million Michigan workers have to make the choice between going to work sick or getting behind on their bills. We can change this! Please sign the petition for earned paid sick time during coffee hour. If you signed the petition in 2015, please sign again. We can only use signatures from 2016! Look for the Time to Care volunteer at coffee hour or find Dessa for questions.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Nancy own-Nelson, in loving memory of her father, Woodford Owen Nelson.

Sunday Sermons and Events

Membership Book Signing

TODAY-After the Service- 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>.

- 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.
- 3/27** Information on our Easter Sunday service will be circulated soon. Watch for announcements or check the church calendar, <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar.php>.
- 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?