

Today's Music

Prelude: *I Believe I Can Fly*
R. Kelly

Musical Meditation: *Ar Hyd Y Nos "All Through the Night"*
Welsh Melody, c.1784

Offertory: *I Am a Promise*
Gloria & William Gaither/
arr. Fred Bock

*I am a promise, I am a possibility,
I am a promise, with a capital "P"
I am a great big bundle of potentiality.*

Recessional: *Making Our Dreams Come True*
Charles Fox

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: Regina Weiss Danny Rebb
Today's Greeters: Chloe Lundine 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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

April 10, 2016

***"Competition or Community? Humanizing
Schooling in Detroit and Beyond"***

Joel Berger



*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 #38 *Morning Has Broken*
#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* #77 *Seek Not Afar for Beauty*

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Responsive Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #121 *We'll Build a Land*

Benediction

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Membership Book Signing -TODAY-after the Service

Becoming a member of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, involves 2 steps: (1) Signing the Membership Book, (2) Making a financial pledge and/or (3) Making a contribution of record to the Church. Please let Regina Weiss, if you are interested in becoming a member. The forms to becoming a member can be found at <http://www.1stuu.org/Membership/membership.php>

Settled Minister Search

Do you have questions about our search for a settled minister? At 12:30 today, Rev. Barbara Child, the Ministerial Settlement Representative for the MidAmerica Region, will be presenting information and answering questions about our settled minister search process. It's Potluck Sunday, so grab something good to eat and be prepared to stay for an informative and interesting meeting.

Women Walking Woodward for Peace

Join us again on Mother's Day, **May 8, 2016** @ First UU Detroit Church/Cass Corridor Commons, 4605 Cass at Forest, at 7:30 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.

One-On-One-05/08/16, 12:30 pm

It's something new at First UU. It's fast! It's fun! It's sort of like speed dating. It's an opportunity to learn more about each other. More information to follow.

Committee Fair 07/10/16, 12:30 pm-. Oh, we wish things happened at First UU with magic, but it takes everyone volunteering to make this a great church. Committee Chairs/Leaders/ Coordinators are encouraged to be part of our upcoming Committee Fair.

Centennial Celebration

Our centennial weekend next weekend! We will be giving bus and bike tours of Unitarian and Universalist historic sites in Detroit on Saturday, April 16, from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Then, from 5:30 to 8:00pm, we will gather for dinner together at the nearby Traffic Jam restaurant. The bus tour tickets are \$20 each, the bike tour tickets are \$10 each, and the dinner is \$20 per person. Please see Dan Secrest in Coffee Hour to make your reservations, or sign up online at <http://1stuu.org/history/Centennial.php>.

On Sunday April 17, there will be an extended worship service, from 11:00 to 12:30, featuring reflections by four women who were ordained to the UU ministry in this church, in addition to a sermon by Reverend Murray about our history at this location. The culmination will be a celebratory potluck luncheon after church in our social hall.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene, in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary for Trey and Colleen!

Coffee Hour

Our coffee hour will be held in the Parlor today. The Center for Progressive Leadership's monthly training will be in the Social Hall so we'll move to the Parlor for our potluck, coffee and conversation.

April Vespers

April is National Poetry month so Vespers, in the parlor, aka Memorial Hall, on April 27th at 6 pm will feature some old favorites, Mary Oliver and Billy Collins, along with several other less famous poets, interspersed with musical selections yet to be determined. Your "vesperator" is feeling like Ruby's spectacular presentation is a tough act to follow. Many thanks for a wonderful experience! Please come join us for a relaxing hour of fun and beauty. Al Acker

Sunday Sermons and Events

- 4/17 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "A Century at Cass and Forest"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
We are celebrating the centennial of worshipping in our sanctuary at the corner of Cass and Forest. This extended 90 minute service will include speeches by all four of the women who were ordained to the Unitarian-Universalist ministry by this church, and a sermon by Dr. Murray about our history at this location.
- 4/24 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Prejudice and Difference"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the ways that we often fail as individuals and as a society is by adhering to prejudices, some of which we are conscious of, and others that live insidiously deep. Today, we will talk about how we address those issues and how to confront the biases that we hold.
- 5/1 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "May Day"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the ways that many cultures in the Northern Hemisphere celebrate Spring is through the celebration of May Day. Since we conveniently have worship on this date, we will explore what all of the jubilation and fun is all about!
- 5/8 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "The Mother in Me"**
Speaker: Anita "Ruby" Jones
Exploring and sharing stories about my matrilineal line, I will reveal the characteristics and traits that have become inextricably woven into the Mother that I am. In turn I will strive to elucidate the bridge that connects all women to the Earth, Mother of us all.
BEFORE CHURCH: You are invited to meet at church at 8:00AM and join our walk to Grand Circus Park. There, we will 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.