

Today's Music

Prelude: *Run, Run from Scenas Infantis (1932)*
(for Two Pianos, Four Hands) Octavio Pinto

The garden is full of life. In the sunshine, children run about Gaily and noisily. Outside, on the street, the poor blind man with his hand-organ sings his sorrows.

Musical Meditation: *Adagietto from Symphony #5*
Gustav Mahler (1860-1911) arr. Noel Rawsthorne

This piece is regarded as Mahler's most famous work, which was written in 1901-1902. This is probably a love song to his new wife, who he met in 1901 and married in 1902. It was used at the funeral mass of Robert Kennedy in 1968.

Offertory: *Concerto in E Major op 8 no 1 (Spring)*
Antonio Vivaldi

Recessional: *#301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky*
Grace Lewis-McLaren

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

Julia Cuneo, Child Care Provider

Today's Ushers: Mark Schweng Emma Velasquez

Today's Greeters: Carolyn Lusch Aletha Oberdier

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our **Greeters**.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters**.

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First Unitarian-Universalist Church

April 23, 2017

"On Reinhold Niebuhr"

The 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*

#131 *Love Will Guide Us*

#1021 *Lean On Me*

WELCOME

Matt Friedrichs, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn*

#86 *Blessed Spirit of My Life*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Response

Message

#123 *Spirit of Life* (please sing along)

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn*

Recessional

#163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – April 23, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are given by Al and Lencha Acker in thanks to our dear church family for all the kind words and deeds you have given us during Al's recuperation.

TRAINING IN SOCIAL HALL: Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan will be training in the social hall from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM today. We'll use the Parlor for our coffee hour.

SHARE THE PLATE: Our Share the Plate guest recipient this Sunday is the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUME). It envisions a world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people. Its purpose is to inspire, facilitate, and support personal, congregational, and denominational practices that honor and sustain the Earth and all beings. It affirms and promotes the seven principles of the UUA, including: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Although the UU Ministry for Earth has close ties to the UUA, it is a separate not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization with an independent Board of Directors. It seems appropriate that UUME be the recipient in the same month that Earth Day, the march for science, and the march concerning climate change occurs.

The rules for the Share the Plate Sunday are as follows:

Any funds received during the offertory that have no designation will be split 50/50 between our guest recipient and the church. Please mark in the memo area of your check or on the envelope as to how you want your donation to be allocated

MOTHER'S DAY PEACE VIGIL: Women Walking Woodward for Peace invites you to a Mother's Day Peace Vigil on Sunday, **May 14, 2017** from 9am to 10am at UU Detroit. We will stand vigil for one hour then have a closing circle (10am-10:30am). Please contact **Anita Jones** (racedancer@hotmail.com) if you want to offer a prayer, poem or song. Immediately following the vigil, please join us for our regular Sunday service @ 11am, featuring Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez & Lydia Wylie-Kellerman.

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REGIONAL UU PICNIC: It's that time of year! Mark your calendars for our regional UU picnic, **May 27th, 2017** from 11:30-2:30 on Belle Isle (at the Woodside Shelter, where we were last year). If you'd like to volunteer to bring food or set up, talk to Dessa. And please spread the word to your UU friend and family around Metro Detroit!

CANVASS COMMITTEE: Thank you, for your generous 2017-2018 pledges to the Church. Your pledges will allow us to go forward, with confidence, as we make many decisions in the future. If you have not pledged, please pick up a pledge form at the office or go on-line to print a copy of the pledge form. As a member of First UU all members are expected to make a pledge or contribution of record. We look forward to receiving your pledge form. If you have not pledged, please see **Joan Smykowski** or visit the church office to pick up your pledge form. The new pledge will start July 1, 2017. We will have an accurate final amount of pledges in the future. Once again, thank you!

APRIL VESPERS: April Vespers is cancelled: There will be no Poetry. Vespers this Wednesday, April 26, in the church. We look forward to May Vespers.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 4/23 11:00 AM "On Reinhold Niebuhr"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

One of the preeminent American ethicists of the 20th Century was Reinhold Niebuhr, who before joining the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City was a pastor in Detroit for 13 years. This talk will discuss Niebuhr, focusing on his Detroit years and legacy. This month, PBS is showing a documentary called "An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story."

4/30 11:00 AM "The Web of Existence"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Concluding our monthly series on the seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I will focus on the Seventh Principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."