

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Allegro* from *Concerto in E Major op 8 no 1 (Spring)*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Springtime is upon us.*

*The birds celebrate her return with festive song,  
and murmuring streams are  
softly caressed by the breezes.*

*Thunderstorms, those heralds of Spring, roar,  
casting their dark mantle over heaven,  
Then they die away to silence,  
and the birds take up their charming songs once more.*

**Musical Meditation:** *Meditation from "Thais"*

Jules Massenet

**Offertory:** *Choral # 3 in A Minor*

Cesar Franck

**Recessional:** *Sonata in C Major, Hoboken XVI:7*

Franz Joseph Haydn

### **First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, *Minister*

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Nancy Shattuck, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

**Today's Greeters:** Sherry A Wells

**Hearing Assistance** devices and **Large Print Hymnals** are available from any of our **Greeters**.

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Nancy, at [officeadmin@1stuu.org](mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## **First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

May 6, 2018

*"Faith and Humanism"*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual  
renewal and social justice in Detroit**



*Liberate Truth ~  
Radiate Kindness ~  
Love Courageously*

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **ENTERING**

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together\* #169 *We Shall Overcome*

#1021 *Lean on Me*

**WELCOME** Worship Leader, Nathan Strickland

#### **CENTERING**

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #354 *We Laugh, We Cry*

#### **DEEPENING**

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

#### **RETURNING**

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #347 *Gather the Spirit*

Recessional

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Announcements and Events — May 6, 2018

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are donated by Lencha Acker to celebrate the day.

**COFFEE HOUR:** We'll be meeting in the Social Hall immediately after the service for coffee, cookies, and conversation. Everyone is invited!

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. The "Visitors' Table" welcomes anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. **We'd like to get to know you better!**

**NEEDED: A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS:** We need one or two people stepping up to help with child care during the service. We have recently lost some of our volunteers due to a variety of reasons, so we need to replace them. Please contact Richard Hillier or Sally Borden if you can help. Thanks!

**WWWP – WOMEN WALKING WOODWARD FOR PEACE 2018:** Don't forget the WWWP will walk for peace next week. Immediately following the walk, you are invited to attend a special service and potluck at UU Detroit Church. PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS, ONLY - we will be celebrating in our small Parlor instead of in our Social Hall.

**SUNDAY MAY 20 – ANNUAL MEETING:** Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(A), the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit has been called for Sunday, May 20, 2018, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. The voting membership shall elect a President, Vice-President, delegates for General and Regional Assemblies, and a Nominating Committee, all to serve in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The voting membership shall also approve a budget for the next fiscal year, receive committee reports, and consider an amendment to the bylaws to change the quorum requirements for board meetings.

**DETROIT REP THEATRE OUTING:** I have 13 tickets (and can get more) for the play, *Harmony Park* at the Detroit Rep, Sunday 2:00PM, May 20, 2018. We will be going to the Traffic Jam for dinner after the play. For tickets, see me at coffee hour; they are \$15 each, and the church will receive \$5 for every ticket sold. You can also call or email me. Margaret Beck 313 882 7775 [margretbeck@comcast.net](mailto:margretbeck@comcast.net). **Hope you can join us.**

## Sunday Sermons and Events

### **TODAY, 5/6 11:00AM – Faith and Humanism**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister  
Our church is a community of believers and seekers of all kinds, religious and nonreligious. This sermon will explore some of the dimensions of religious humanism and expressions of humanism that help to bring full bloom to the understanding of who we are as individuals and society when we live most fully into our humanity.

### **5/13 11:00AM - Women Creating the Future of Peace**

Colleen Mills, Guest Speaker  
Can you feel the excitement of peace surging in the world? Do you believe that peace is not only possible, but necessary for the future of our world and our planet? Let's open our hearts and minds to bring forth that power of peace as we create a world that works for all of humanity. Women and children have been rising up, speaking out, and are determined to be heard. Let's all come together in the name of peace! Colleen Mills is the president of Citizens for Peace and serves on the board of the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

### **5/20 11:00AM – On Pentecost**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister  
Throughout the world today, churches of the Christian traditions celebrate a singular holiday called Pentecost. This is the one date in the liturgical calendar that ministers wear red, there is a special interest in fire, and suddenly a lot of talk about the Holy Spirit. Why might Unitarian Universalists be especially connected to this Christian holiday?

### **5/27 11:00AM – Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win**

Yusef Bunchy Shakur, Guest Speaker  
He speaks of his journey of redemption, hope, triumph, and transformation from Zone-8-gang-life to father, freedom fighter, community activist and grass-roots advocate. Yusef Bunchy Shakur is well versed in the language and syntax of Detroit; an author and educator, he interprets the language of the city's majority Black population--from its pain and anger to its hope through his experience of transformation. He offers sage advice to help re-spirit and re-build a broken community plagued from social decay through his efforts as a local and national organizer. Yusef epitomizes redemption from the lessons he learned from his father whom he met in prison for the first time and as an organic intellectual and father committed to Restoring The Neighbor Back To The Hood. He currently serves as Co-Director of Programs with the Michigan Roundtable.