

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
African-American Spiritual
- Musical Meditation:** *Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child #97*
African-American Spiritual
- Offertory:** *Somewhere Out There*
James Horner, Barry Mann, and
Cynthia Weil
- Recessional:** *Stand Up Now & Clap*
Anita "Ruby" Jones/
harmonized by Todd Ballou

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 Jerry Williams
Today's Greeters: Glenn Maxwell Roger Ziegler

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

May 8, 2016

"The Mother in Me"
Anita "Ruby" Jones



*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 #1069 *Ancient Mother*
#1070 *Mother I Feel You*
#1069 and 1070 Together

WELCOME

Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame *Prayer for Peace* by Rose Flint
Opening Hymn* #171 *N'kosi Sikelel'l Afrika*

DEEPENING

Invocation *Earth Mother* by Starhawk
Silent Meditation
Musical Meditation
Responsive Reading *Motherblood* by Katy Branch
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #1051 *We Are...*
Benediction *Speaking to Mary* - Susan McElheran

Announcements and Events – May 8, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Marilyn Mitchell.

Membership Book Signing —TODAY, After the Service

We will be having our monthly Membership Book Signing. If you have decided to join today, please feel free to step forward when the announcement is made after the service. You do not have to attend the monthly, "Intro to First UU" session to become a member.

Devil Dog Six the Play

I have tickets for the Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. on **May 14th**, at the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Tickets are \$15 with the church Treasury getting \$5 a ticket. The play is *Devil Dog Six* about horse jockeys. Please call or email me and I will also have them at coffee hour. We will also go out to dinner together after the play. Hope you can join us. Margaret Beck 313-882-7775 margretbeck@comcast.net

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting—May 15

Pursuant to Article IV, §2(A) of our by-laws, at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, May 15, 2016, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, the voting membership will elect a President and Vice-President, trustees-at-large as appropriate for expiring terms or vacant positions, and all other elected positions as provided for in our by-laws. The voting membership will also approve a budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, receive committee reports, and transact any and all other business of the Church.

Calling for More Worship Leaders

The Worship Committee is looking for more members to be trained as Worship Leaders. A Worship Leader is the person who sits up on the Chancel across from the Minister and reads a welcoming statement, announces the hymns and offertory and co-reads the Call to Worship with the Worship Coordinator. We will help you practice and give you tips about how to do the job. So for anyone who is interested in getting more information about this important but not so hard task, please email the Worship Committee at worship@1stuu.org.

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Time to Decide—VOTE your choice at the May Congregational Meeting

Who are we? How do we want to be known in 50 years? Do we have an approved brand name that is consistently used? That conveys what is most important about who we are, intuitively? Our legal name is: First Unitarian-Universalist Church. Currently, we use many different acronyms or abbreviations in our documents, publications, newsletters, and Order of Service. Below are listed the variety now seen (there may be others)

1. FUUD
2. FUUCD
3. First UU
4. 1stUU
5. First Church
6. First Church Detroit
7. First UU Church Detroit
8. First UU Church of Detroit

In addition, a new domain name, UUDetroit, has been acquired. The website will be migrated to the new domain sometime in 2016. Therefore, other suggested acronyms, inspired by the new domain name, might be:

9. UUDetroit
10. UU Detroit

Based on the congregational vote, we will implement the use of our acronym in all our documents, publications, press releases, orders of service, newsletter, official minutes and reports, etc., and any other written material, as well as on our website and social media.

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.

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Interfaith Reproductive Justice Conference—05/20/16, 9 a.m-4 p.m

Location: 1509 E. Court Street, Flint

Register On-line: www.uujustice.org

Call Randy Block at 248-549-5170

Registration: adults - \$20; low-income/students - \$10.

HIGHLIGHTS: • Meet faith activists & reproductive justice leaders • State Rep. Marcia Hovey Wright: legislative Update • Learn how UCC, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and UU faith leaders SUPPORT reproductive justice • Hear speakers from three national organizations! • Learn about a new proactive strategy for protecting access to have birth control & abortion in Michigan • Strengthen your communication and leadership skills • Workshops on religious discrimination, sex education in faith settings, abortion and birth control • Breakfast, lunch and free child care.

Third Annual Regional UU Picnic—May 21

Our third annual regional UU picnic is scheduled for Saturday, **May 21**, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Woodside Shelter on Belle Isle, on the south side of the island. Watch for details via Facebook and email, or ask anyone on the picnic team: Joel Batterman, Dessa Cosma, Matt Friedrichs, Chloe Lundine, or Aletha Oberdier.

Centennial Celebration Photos

Danny Rebb captured some great photos of our centennial celebrations. You may view photos at First UU Detroit Centennial Google Photos: <https://goo.gl/photos/zST2269cUG2YdmQR7>. We encourage you to upload your photos there by going to this button at the right-hand top side of the screen: and please label by using the button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen – click on it after uploading.

One-On-One— 05/029/16, After the Service

As a result of our phenomenal growth as a congregation, we have a record number of new members. Let's all get to know each other, at our first One-On-One, on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 12:30 pm.

Sunday Sermons and Events

- 5/15 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Unitarians in the D - Since 1833”**
Speaker: Daniel Rebb
The boundaries between Unitarians and Universalists in Detroit were often quite fuzzy from the 1830's until the two congregations merged in 1934. Our historical reenactment service in January showed how Universalists worshiped in this sanctuary during its very early days; this service continues our Centennial history theme by giving equal time to our Detroit Unitarian ancestors.
- 5/22 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Remembering Tillich”**
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Paul Tillich was one of the most important theologians of the 20th century, and often seen as a patron saint by Unitarian-Universalists because of his work on the relationship of theology and culture and an expansive theology of world religions. A week after delivering the keynote address at the 50th anniversary of Paul Tillich's internment at the Paul Tillich Park in New Harmony, Indiana, I will talk with our congregation about why this theologian is still relevant for us to read and discuss today.
- 5/29 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Memorial Day Blues”**
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Memorial Day is often a hard time to reconcile for lovers of peace. We do want to honor the sacrifices of those who went before us, and at the same time, want to insist on alternatives to war in the present and future. How do we strike a resonant note that allows both for respect and rebellion? How can we be patriotic and critical all at the same time?