



*Liberate Truth ~  
Radiate Kindness ~  
Love Courageously*

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 14, 2017

“Mothering Peace”

*Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez, and  
Lydia Wylie-Kellerman*

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

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Amani (Peace)*  
Audrey Snyder

**Musical Meditation:** *Grandma's Hands (words & music by  
Bill Withers)*  
performed by Steven Curtin

**Offertory:** *Mama Mia*  
Benny Andersson, Stig Anderson &  
Bjorn Ulvaeus

**Recessional:** *What the World Needs Now*  
Burt Bacharach

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ENTERING

Lighting of Candles  
Singing Together\* #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*  
#1070 *Mother I Feel You*

### WELCOME

Dessa Cosma, Worship Leader

### CENTERING

Prelude  
Calling to Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #159 *This is My Song*

### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading #715 Kahlil Gibran “On Children”  
Response #123 *Spirit of Life* (please sing along)  
Message

### RETURNING

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #1026 *If Every Woman in the World*  
Recessional

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Alexis Mitchell, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Acting Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

**Today's Ushers:** Emma Velasquez Danny Rebb

**Today's Greeters:** Bill Dickinson Carmen Mendoza-King

**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,  
Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

*Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation  
(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)*

## Today's Speakers

**Halima Cassells**, Detroit-based artist/ community advocate occupies a myriad of roles that are unified by a devotion to fostering community interconnectivity. In practice she designs spaces for authentic engagement, and collaborative artistic expression, as well as projects that engender new economy practices. She works as an independent artist and assumes roles at Oakland Avenue Artists Coalition, O.N.E. Mile project, Incite Focus Fab Lab, Center for Community Based Enterprise, and the Free Market of Detroit.

**Michelle Martinez** is a Detroit-based environmental justice activist, speaker, writer and mother. Since 2000, she has worked on a variety of intersecting issues including immigration and voting rights, environmental justice and women's rights. She is a passionate advocate for participatory democracy, collective resource management, and popular education.

**Lydia Wylie-Kellerman** lives with her partner and their two children in southwest Detroit down the street from where she grew up. She is the co-editor of RadicalDiscipleship.net and the Detroit Catholic Worker paper, On the Edge.

## Announcements and Events — May 14, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are given by **Anita Jones** in memory of Peace Pilgrim (Mildred Lisette Norman).

**INTRO TO UU — MAY 14th:** Are you new to UU Detroit, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The "Intro to UU" class offers introductory information on what the Church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: One is to share information on the Unitarian Universalist tradition as a whole, and the other is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of UU Detroit. Please do attend! We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us! Classes are scheduled quarterly after church and there is one today, May 14th. Membership Chair, Dessa Cosma, will be happy to talk to you to provide more information.

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**GOING FORWARD!:** Thank you to all the pledgers who are committed to financially supporting UU Detroit as we Go *Forward!* If you have not been able to get your pledge form in, please see **Joan Smykowski** or visit the church office. Your new pledge will start July 1, 2017. We hope to have an accurate final amount of pledges to report at our May 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting. Once again, thank you!

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — May 21st:** Our annual congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 21, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. We will vote on elected positions and hear reports.

**REGIONAL UU PICNIC – MAY 27<sup>th</sup>:** Mark your calendars for our regional UU picnic, **May 27**, 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 or sign up at <http://www.1stuu.org/Features/SpringPicnic.php>. And please spread the word to your UU friend and family around Metro Detroit!

## Sunday Sermons and Events

**May 21: 11:00 AM — "The Baltimore Sermon"**

**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

One of the most important moments in the development of Unitarian Universalist history was William Ellery Channing's "Baltimore Sermon," which gave a powerful defense of Unitarian thought and practice, in opposition to the rising Christian orthodoxy of his day. We will explore this definitive moment in UUA history. Unlike Channing's "Baltimore sermon," this one will not be an hour and a half long.

**May 28: 11:00 AM — "The Serenity Prayer"**

**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Following up on last month's sermon on Reinhold Niebuhr's 13 years as a pastor in Detroit, this month we will examine one of the ways that mainstream culture often examines him, as the author of "The Serenity Prayer," which has been taken on as an important element of Alcoholics Anonymous and other recovery group meetings.