

Today's Music

Prelude: *Eine Kluge Nacht Musik*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Musical Meditation: *Melodies of Life from Final Fantasy IX*
Nobuo Uematsu

Final Fantasy is a Japanese role-playing video game franchise. This song is used for several thematic purposes, including the romantic relationship between the characters Zidane Tribal and Garnet Til Alexandros XVII.

Offertory: *Allegro assai from Piano Sonata in F Major*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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
Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Emma Velasquez Anita Jones
Today's Greeters: Chloe Lundine Roger Zeigler

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

July 24, 2016

"Heartland - Where Faiths Connect"

UU Detroit Members



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* #204 *Come, O Sabbath Day*
#1009 *Meditation on Breathing*
#1018 *Come and Go With Me*

WELCOME

Dan Secret, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #66 *When the Summer Sun is Shining*
Benediction

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

Announcements and Events – July 24, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Dan Secrest in honor of Fred & Stephanie Secrest, celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Greeters/Ushers Needed

Volunteer ushers and greeters are encouraged to sign up for August and September. Please see Glenn Maxwell if you have any questions.

Exciting Update on Vespers July 27!!

We will have not one but five talented young poets from InsideOut joining us, just a week after they have participated in "Brave New Voices", a national competition in Washington, D.C. for school-age poets. Let's have a more generous than usual turnout and special warm UU Detroit welcome for these young persons. They will also have books of poetry for sale. Anyone who can't make Vespers but who would like to purchase a book or make a contribution to this very worthwhile organization, please contact Al Acker at ackera@hotmail.com or 313-393-8544. Check out the website <http://insideoutdetroit.org/>. See you at 6 pm in the Parlor!

Today's Coffee Hour

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

Introduction to First UU - 08/07/16, 12:30 pm

To learn more about the history and philosophy of Unitarian Universalism, please attend our monthly meeting, in the church Narthex.

Membership Book Signing - 08/14/16, at the end of the service

The monthly Membership Book signing will be August 14th. Please see Regina Weiss if you are interested in joining UU Detroit. Please visit <http://www.1stuu.org/Membership/membership.php> for the new member forms.

Sunday Sermons and Events

- 7/31 **11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Breaking Good"**
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
Two years ago, one of television's most popular shows, "Breaking Bad," went off the air. Its central character, Walter White, on a descent into evil, is a fascinating study of human ambition and self-delusion over the course of its five seasons. We will examine what "Breaking Bad" might teach us about how to live well in a world that sometimes pulls us toward the worst sides of our natures.
- 8/7 **11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Race, Class and Justice in America."**
Speaker: Abayomi Azikiwe
Racial and class divisions are growing inside the United States despite the rhetoric of eight years ago that the country was becoming a post-racial society. Both the Republicans and Democrats have fostered these divisions through partisan rhetoric as well as the legacy of mass incarceration and financial deregulation. I will outline my thoughts on these issues and make some suggestions for actions to be taken on a community level.
- 8/14 **11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Ecumenism, Yesterday and Today."**
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
It is interesting that today, as individuals tend more toward quiet ecumenism rather than strict denominationalism, that the ecumenical movement itself is going through a considerable downsizing. In this sermon, I will talk about the history of how denominations decided to work together ecumenically through organizations such as the National Council of Churches, and how that intentional inter-denominational organization and activism has unraveled. In addition, I will speak about atheist views about participation in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue.