

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>Prelude & Fugue in F# Major</i> Johann Sebastian Bach
Musical meditation:	<i>Claire de Lune</i> Claude Debussy/ William Gaither
Offertory:	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i> Beethoven/ Christina Harmon
Recessional:	Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky #301 Grace Lewis-McLaren

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Nancy Owen Nelson

Today's Greeters: Lencha Acker Tim Bailey

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

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

August 9, 2015

"Starting our Conversation."

Rev. 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* #208 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

#346 *Come Sing a Song With Me*

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Welcome – Sally Borden, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #12 *O Life that Maketh All Things New*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath*

Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – August 9, 2015

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Joan Smykowski in celebration of Theresa and Nathan Weidner's anniversary.

Governing Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled August 12 Governing Board meeting has been rescheduled to Wed., August 19. The time and location remain the same, 7:00 P.M. in the Whole Foods Community Room. If you have any questions, contact Board Secretary Danny Rebb at secretary@1stuu.org.

Developing Your Leadership Workshop

Organizations are only as strong as the people who lead and manage them, whether you are a church, a nonprofit organization or a for-profit company. There is nothing more critical to an organization's success than the development of its leaders: especially today as churches are continually challenged to identify strategies that help improve organizational stability.

Leaders are needed at all levels of churches. Your Planning Committee is pleased to announce a two hour workshop on leadership development to be held on Sunday October 4th at 12:30 at church. The workshop will be limited to the first 15 church members who register to attend. To register for your attendance please email Deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net or call Deanna at 586-202-5241.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

All are welcome to join us after the service in the Social Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

Parking Reminder:

On Sunday mornings you may park in the Prentis Parking Lot in any of the three rows closest to the alley. (During the week we are limited to parking in the row along the alley.)

Activities In and Outside the Church

New Member Sunday: Today, August 9th

If you are interested in joining our congregation, please see Regina Weiss (regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)

- 8/16 11:00 a.m. Sermon,** "Another Tale of Two Cities: Detroit and Cleveland." It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...” After a recent trip to Cleveland, Robert Johnson observes comparisons between Cleveland and Detroit and the duality in each city itself.
- 8/23 11:00 a.m. Sermon,** “The New Religious America.” The United States often is described as a “Christian” country, but in fact this is perhaps the most religiously diverse country on the planet, while also steeped increasingly in a secular culture. How do people of faith respond to these changes in society, and what should a church that stands for social justice and religious liberty do in such a city?
- Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
- 8/30 11:00 a.m. Sermon,** “Flower Communion.” Hungarian poet Olga Klekner will read new poems she composed specially for this service. Just as individual flowers form a bouquet more beautiful than the sum of its parts, our congregation formed by the covenant we share is better able to liberate truth, radiate kindness, and love courageously more than all of its members individually. Please join us for our annual celebration of community.

Olga Klekner and Danny Rebb