

## Today's Music

Special Thanks to Steve Curtin for providing bass, guitar and drum machine for this service. Steve is a new member of UU Detroit church.

<b>Prelude:</b>	<i>Born in the U.S.A.</i> Bruce Springsteen
<b>Musical Meditation:</b>	<i>Streets of Philadelphia</i> Bruce Springsteen
<b>Choir Anthem:</b>	<i>Sixteen Candles</i> Luther Dixon and Allyson R. Khent
<b>Offertory:</b>	<i>Dancing in the Dark</i> Bruce Springsteen
<b>Recessional:</b>	<i>Lean On Me #1021</i> Bill Withers

### 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:** Bill McKnight      Edie McKnight  
**Today's Greeters:** Aletha Oberdier      Chloe Lundine

**Hearing Assistance** devices are available from any of our ushers.

**Large Print Hymnals** are available from the **Greeters**.

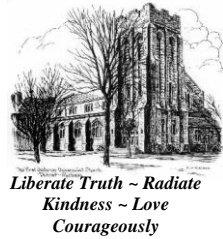
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## *First Unitarian-Universalist Church*

**August 21, 2016**

*"The Gospel of Bruce"*

*Joel Batterman*



**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\*

#95 *There is More Love Somewhere*

#1017 *We Are Building a New Way*

#163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

#### WELCOME

Sally Borden, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\*

#1058 *Be Ours a Religion*

Choir Anthem

Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

#586 *The Idea of Democracy* [see insert]

Message

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\*

#1024 *When the Spirit Says Do*

Benediction

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

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

## Announcements and Events – August 21, 2016

### Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Rhonda Rodgers in honor of her mother, LaJune Rodgers, on the anniversary of her birthday.

### Today's Coffee Hour

The Center for Progressive Leadership will be holding a training session in the Social Hall today. Please plan to enjoy coffee and conversation in the Parlor

### August 24<sup>th</sup> Vespers

Your Vesperator needs to hear from you. Please contact me by August 15<sup>th</sup> at 313 393-8544 or ackera@hotmail.com with a favorite poem you would like to include. Also let me know if you prefer to read it or have me read it. I'll choose some music and we'll all meet at 6pm in the parlor to enjoy a respite in the midst of our busy weeks. Hoping this idea works with your help. - *Al Acker*

### CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

Our Congregational survey will be online in two weeks! Please mark your calendars for September 4, 2016. That will be the first day. UU Detroit's Congregational survey will be available online. Members and friends without email access will be able to complete the survey in paper form or at a computer station during coffee hour starting the following Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through September the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Share your thoughts and make your voices heard. Your input is critical. The deadline to complete all surveys will be September 30, 2016. Thanks. - The Ministerial Search Committee

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### Congregational Planning Retreat

Dear UU Detroit Church Members, you are invited to participate in the second annual congregational planning retreat to be held on Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 am to noon. All church members are encouraged to attend. We will take this time together to reflect on our accomplishments and challenges over the past year and look forward to our 2017 needs. You will be able to help select our final goals and create the objectives and actions step to achieve the goals. SAVE THE DATE and look for more information coming soon. As members of UU Detroit, your input is vital to develop a successful plan for 2017.

### Sunday Sermons and Events

- 8/28     **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Detroit Musings, 'Scrap Metal Mantra': a Love Song to Detroit"  
**Speaker:** Ken Meisel  
Ken Meisel is a poet and psychologist from Detroit, a Kresge Arts fellow and Pushcart nominee. He will read from his poetry, which has been called a "poetic homage" to the working class, "tinged with mortality and transience, giving it an anguished intensity."
- 9/4        **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "End of Summer."  
**Speaker:** Reverend Stephen Butler Murray  
Labor Day: Growing up in Delaware, a state that lives and breathes on the rhythms of the beach season, the Labor Day weekend was the official end of summer. Children return to school, young adults head off to college, and churches often set the Sunday after Labor Day as the "start" of the year, a strange phenomenon for an institution that meets year round. Today, we will spend time thinking about what the end of summer means for people of faith and social justice.

**Reading:** #586, "*The Idea of Democracy*"

*As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden onto the shoulders of others is the great, durable, curse of the race.*

*As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.*

*This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.*

*Our reliance is in our love for liberty; our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all people in all lands everywhere.*

*Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors.*

*Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and cannot long retain it.*

*Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?*

*Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.*

~Abraham Lincoln