

Today's Music

Prelude:	Variations on <i>Kum Ba Ya</i> Phillip Jones
Musical meditation:	<i>Imagine</i> John Lennon
Offertory:	<i>Somewhere Out There</i> James Horner, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil
Recessional:	<i>I Want to Hold Your Hand</i> John Lennon

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Nancy Owen Nelson Dale Compton

Today's Greeters: Sydney Schaaf Regina Weiss

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 23, 2015

"The New Religious America."

Reverend Stephen 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* #95 *There is More Love Somewhere*

#188 *Come, Come Whoever You Are*

#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #187 *It Sounds Along the Ages*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #2 *Down the Ages We Have Trod*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – August 23, 2015

Flower Communion Service is on Sunday, August 30th.

Please bring a flower or two to add to our congregational bouquet and put them in the vases at the front of the sanctuary prior to the start of the service. Please also feel free to wear your finest floral attire to add to the festiveness of the service.

August 30, 12:30 pm, “Homecare Fight for 15” Campaign

Learn more about the struggle of homecare workers in Michigan from SEIU organizer, Sam Pernik. Brought to you by the Escalating Inequality wing of the Social Justice Team, Mary Lou Malone

Dally in the Alley

First UU will once again have an information table at the Dally in the Alley on Saturday, September 12 from 11-6. An organizational meeting will be held on August 30 at 12:30 in Memorial Hall. Please bring your ideas to zazz up our appeal in our neighborhood. See Dan Wiest for more info.

Registration is still open for the “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 4 at 12:30** at church.

The workshop will be limited to the first 15 church members who register to attend. OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, please register to attend by emailing deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net or call Deanna at 586-202-5241.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today’s flowers are given by Sharlene Gage n celebration of her birthday.

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2015 Congregation Planning Meeting Invitation

The Board is pleased to announce that there will be a congregational planning meeting open to all church members on October 10. This planning meeting will be an opportunity for you to help shape our activities and allocate our volunteer resources for 2016. Your voice is needed to continue the growth of our church and our faith. Please plan to attend.

The meeting will be held on October 10, 2015 from 9:30 am to noon. The planning meeting will be held at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corp. main office - 19800 Grand River (just east of Evergreen, north side of street, at Bretton Drive). There is parking behind the building, on the street, and in the Auto Zone parking lot next to the office.

In order to plan for space and refreshments, you must register to attend by October 4, 2015. You may email your attendance to Deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net, call Deanna at 586-202-5241, or sign-up with Deanna at coffee hour starting August 30, 2016.

1st UU Church initiates “Singing the Journey” Project in September!

As your music director, I am pleased to announce an effort to fund-raise and purchase our newest hymnal supplement titled “Singing the Journey.” It contains many of our favorite songs including: *Blue Boat Home*, *Woyaya*, *Lean On Me*, and *When the Spirit Says Dance*. These books will be permanently marked to honor the centennial of our building in 2016, as well as personal dedications. At coffee hour, during September and October, you will have the opportunity to purchase a hymnal and dedication for \$20 each. In addition we are offering reduced \$10 dedications for those who need it, while also soliciting sponsor donations of \$5 to cover the cost of the reduced donations for those who can. Online donations are also expected to become available. Our fundraising effort will culminate in a music concert and sing-a-long to celebrate our new repertoire of songs. For more information, email the committee at hymnal@1stuu.org, or speak with Todd Ballou after the service or by phone [\(734\) 276-2110](tel:7342762110).

Sunday Sermons and Activities

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.

8/30 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Flower Communion.”

Speaker: Olga Klekner and Danny Rebb

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.

9/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “A Theology of Work.”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

On the Labor Day weekend, we often forget why indeed we celebrate the American labor movement and the social and economic achievements of workers. In Detroit, a city synonymous with American labor, it is important to recognize how industry has affected American sensibilities regarding community and identity, and how communities of faith have been shaped, changed, and transformed by these shifts in society.

Intro to First UU:

Sunday, September 6th, 12:30pm, Memorial Hall

All guests and those interested in learning more about First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit are invited to attend following coffee hour.

New Member Sunday: Sunday, September 13th

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