
Today's Music

Prelude: *Let the River Run from Working Girl*
Words and music by Carly Simon
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Musical Meditation: *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head*
From Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Music by Burt Bacharach

Offertory: *I've Got Peace Like a River*
Marvin V. Frey/ arr. Fred Bock

Recessional: *Wade in the Water*
African American Spiritual/ arr. Mary Allen Walden

Sunday Sermons

9/2 TODAY, 11:00AM – “Water Ceremony”

Steve Curtin and Sally Borden

The Water Communion, also sometimes called Water Ceremony, was first used at a Unitarian Universalist (UU) worship service in the 1980s. Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year (September). Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later boiled and used as the congregation's "holy water" in child dedication ceremonies and similar events. Steve and Sally are active and creative members of our church and of the Worship Committee.

9/9 11:00AM – “Celebrating Aretha Franklin”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

We will spend a morning in music and word celebrating the life and legacy of the legendary singer Aretha Franklin, a proud daughter of Detroit.

September 2, 2018

“Water Ceremony”

Steve Curtin and Sally Borden, Guest Speakers

Order of Service

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*

#4 I Brought My Spirit to the Sea
#1074 Turn the World Around

WELCOME

Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*

#145 As Tranquil Streams

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response
Message
Water Communion

#123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn*
Recessional

#197 There Are Numerous Strings

**Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee,
cookies, and conversation.**

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – September 2, 2018

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Jody Wise, in celebration of her father, who would have been ninety-two.

TODAY'S GREETERS: Jody Wise and Dan Hale will be greeting today.

COFFEE HOUR: Today we'll be meeting in the Social Hall directly after service for coffee, cookies, and conversation. **Everyone is invited!**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. Today, Bill McKnight is at the "Visitors' Table" and welcomes anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. We'd like to get to know you better!

ORDER OF SERVICE COVERS: We want to remind you to PLEASE PUT YOUR OOS COVER IN THE BOX ON THE RADIATOR AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY!

RIDE SHARES TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY: If you or someone you know could use a ride to church on Sunday, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office @ 313-833-9107 or email office@1stuu.org.

DALLY IN THE ALLEY: Join us as UU Detroit will have a table at the Dally in the Alley <https://dallyinthealley.com/> for the umpteenth year on Saturday, September 8 from 11:00AM-6:00PM. Not only do we let the neighborhood know that we're still around, we can promote our brand as the "Church of the Modern Thinker" (that's what the sign out front says anyway).

As a side benefit, one of the best ways to people-watch at the Dally is to camp in one spot and watch the crowd go by. Friends of the church old and new, frequent visitors and those not seen lately have been known to stop by and chat. People who have passed by our building

but not stopped in will pick up a brochure. Share the table with another UU and get to know them better. Check out the other booths during a break. In other words: Dally! For more info or if you'd like to help staff the table, contact Dan Wiest.

JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE SKINNER ORGAN: After church service at 12:30PM on September 9, Todd Ballou will lead a casual discussion and demonstration of the Skinner Organ. The program is free, and you are encouraged to bring friends and family. The discussion will begin at the console, with a demonstration of all the knobs and buttons, and the discussion will follow comments and questions of the participants from there. If there is interest, the tour can include a visit to the organ blower in the basement, the main organ chamber, and/ or the echo organ in the church tower.

The organ offers a wealth of interesting history and facts, so it is not unusual for the discussion to continue for an hour. Children are welcomed too, but they should be supervised. If there is a high level of participation, or specialized interest, a second tour will be announced in October.

Questions or comments can be sent to Todd at musicdirector@1stuu.org

INTRODUCTION TO UU WORKSHOPS: Sally Borden will facilitate an Introduction to UU Workshop on September 23, 2018, at 12:30PM in the parlor. She will also facilitate on December 16, 2018 if you cannot make it in September.

NOTICE: WEDDING 4:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY: Wedding guests will be using the Forest parking lot. While we are usually out of the building well before 4:00PM, please take note if you had planned to stay longer this Sunday.

PLEDGE FORMS: For those of you who have yet to pledge, forms are available in the church office. When you've completed your form please return it to Nancy Shattuck in the office.