

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *El Shaddai*
John Thompson and Michael Card/ arr.
Fred Bock
- Choir Anthem:** *Blue Boat Home*
Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, words
by Peter Mayer Arr. Jason Shelton
- Musical meditation:** *Peace, Gentle Peace*
Music J.A. Jeffery, words by Helen
Peabody
- Peace, Gentle peace—Fond parent of the nations
Lift up our thoughts to do the generous deed.
Light all the lamps to human understanding
and bend our hearts to meet each other's need.*
- Offertory:** *From a Distance*
Julie Gold
- Recessional:** *Blowin' in the Wind*
Bob Dylan

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Jody Wise Dan Hale
Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Anita "Ruby" Jones

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

September 20, 2015

"A Dream of Peace."

Rev. 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* *Come and Go With Me (see insert)*

#399 *Vine & Fig Tree*

#116 *I'm On My Way*

Welcome – Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #160 *Far Too Long, by Fear Divided*

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU choir director

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #122 *Sound Over All Waters*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – September 20, 2015

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

We will begin our fundraising efforts to purchase our hymnal supplement “Singing the Journey.” These books will be marked in honor of this building’s centennial in 2016.

At coffee hour, during September and October, you will have the opportunity to purchase hymnal dedications for \$20 each. In addition we are offering reduced dedications for \$10 for those who need it, while also soliciting sponsor donations of \$5 to cover the cost of the reduced donations for those who are able. Our fundraising effort will culminate in a music concert and sing-a-long to celebrate our new repertoire of songs.

Vespers

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise specified. In September, we will be meeting on the 5th Wednesday (**September 30**) due to special circumstances. Vespers is held in the church parlor and consists of poetry, music, and a bit of discussion.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today’s flowers are given by Marilyn Mitchell, in celebration of three Mitchell family birthdays.

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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.

2015 Congregational 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.

Sunday Sermons and Activities

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

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

9/27 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Friendships with the Religious Other.”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray

Encountering the “religious other” is a constant in a cosmopolitan society, especially when one takes on the identity of Unitarian-Universalism in the city, where one throws one’s arms wide open to all who would come, from wherever they would come. Perhaps the most important way that we can know another person is through friendship, and in this sermon, we will explore the joys, the burdens, the challenges, and the triumphs of inter-religious friendships.

10/4 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “World Communion Sunday for a Church that Doesn’t “Do” Communion.”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray

All around the world today, churches are celebrating World Communion Sunday, a religious observance that UU’s don’t really do. But just because we are not participating with bread and wine (or grape juice!) doesn’t mean that there isn’t something spiritually of interest going on out there in the world. What does communion mean to all of these churches in their cacophony of theologies, and what significance does this spiritual practice have for UU churches?

Sing-a-long: Come and Go with Me #1018* ***African American Spiritual, slavery period/ arr. Kenny Smith***

1. Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land, Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

2. There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land, There'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound.

3. There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, There'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

4. There'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land where I'm bound. (where I'm bound) There'll be singin' in that land, there'll be singin' in that land, There'll be singin' in that land where I'm bound.

**FYI...This hymn is part of the hymnal supplement “Singing the Journey”, which will soon be a part of our standard repertoire at 1st. We are able to include this in today’s program because the lyrics are in the public domain.*