

### Today's Music

- Prelude:** *I Will Follow Him*  
music by J.W. Stole and Del Roma  
(pseudonyms for Franck Pourcel and Paul Mauriat)
- Musical Meditation:** *Do You Know Where You're Going To?*  
Music by Mike Masser
- Choir Anthem:** *Atheists Don't Have No Songs*  
Steve Martin
- Offertory:** *The Temptations Medley:*  
*The Way You Do the Things You Do*  
William "Smokey" Robinson and Bobby Rogers  
*My Girl*  
William "Smokey" Robinson and Ronald White  
*Ain't Too Proud to Beg*  
Eddie Holland and Norman Whitfield
- Recessional:** *I Want to Hold Your Hand*  
John Lennon and Paul McCartney

### First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister  
Todd Ballou, Music Director  
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator  
Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

**Today's Ushers:** Jerry Williams Irene Brisson  
**Today's Greeters:** Bill McKnight Edie McKnight  
**Hearing Assistance** devices are available from any of our ushers.

**Large Print Hymnals** are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

November 15, 2015

*"The World on Autopilot: To whom do  
We Trust the Future?"*

Robert Johnson

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for  
spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit**



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate  
Kindness ~ Love  
Courageously*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### ENTERING

- Lighting of Candles #131 *Love Will Guide Us*  
Singing Together\* #211 *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder v. 1-3*  
#1000 *Morning Has Come*

WELCOME – Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

- Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #194 *Faith is a Forest*  
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1<sup>st</sup> UU choir director

#### DEEPENING

- Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
Message

#### RETURNING

- Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #293 *O Star of Truth*  
Benediction

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

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

## Announcements and Events – November 15, 2015

### Book Sale

Several different UU-related books will be available for sale after church for the immediate future. Books are \$5 or a donation, and funds will go to the Centennial Fund. Contact Nancy Owen Nelson with questions at nelnan@aol.com

### Vespers Date Change

Because Thanksgiving is the day after our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, we are rescheduling the November Vespers to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: **November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm in the Parlor (aka Memorial Hall.) Please join us for a revisit to a Vespers favorite, poet Mary Oliver. Our group of poet lovers has been growing...we welcome you to this respite in your busy week. Al Acker

### Opportunity for All: Can We Keep an Inclusive Cass Corridor?

Friday, **Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6 pm

The Source Booksellers, 4240 Cass Ave

Part 1 in a series of community conversations around development and affordable housing. Cosponsored by Source Booksellers & First UU Church of Detroit. Bookstore owner Janet W. Jones and her daughter Alyson Jones-Turner will join us for a dialogue about this changing neighborhood. Please call or email Jennifer for more info: jenwillshine@gmail.com, 313-247-3399.

### Curiously Odd Movie Night: November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Movie: Curse of the Golden Flower

And you thought your family gatherings were tough? This story is an epic tale of Chinese royalty gathering to celebrate the festival of the chrysanthemum, but secrets and plots threaten to overturn everything. Simultaneously the most gorgeous and ugly film you will see this year. Contains martial arts and violence.

### Thanksgiving Invite!

Robert and Kathleen Johnson are once again hosting a Thanksgiving day gathering at their house. Anyone interested in attending please RSVP by Sunday **Nov 22nd**. Please let us know if you are bringing a plate to pass. Dinner will be served at 4pm. Cats and dog will be in attendance too. So allergies take heed. Contact info:  
Phone: 313 799-2667 Email: lilbunniest@gmail.com

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### Clean-up Day

The Building and Grounds committee is hosting a clean-up day on Saturday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 8:00 AM until we get done or tired. This will be a chance for us to tidy up our space before Noel Nite. Tasks include dusting the pews and cleaning the floors in the Sanctuary. With enough help, we can do some cleaning of the outside grounds as well. Leaf blowing and raking as well as cutting back bushes and plants will be on the task list. See Dan Wiest or Tim Bailey for details.

### Intro to First UU

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please join us for the **December 6, 2015**, "Intro to First UU" session. The no-pressure session, will cover the history of the Church, requirements for membership and answer any questions you may have. The session will be held in the Church House at 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all interested friends. If you have any questions, please see Regina Weiss or Joan Smykowski.

### Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, **12/13/15**, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary, to vote on a slate to fill a Settled Minister Search Committee. An update to the budget will be presented at the meeting as well as the roll-out of the 2016 Strategic Plan. No vote is required on either the budget or the plan.

### Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Bob Lauer. Greetings All, no particular reason.

## Sunday Sermons and Activities

**11/22 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “My Journey in See Minor”**

**Speaker:** Lee Thume

We’ll take a musical journey together. Lee Thume is one of five children, four of whom were born legally blind, during the Depression, of a legally blind-piano tuner. Lee will share with us how she worked at problem solving after getting her major in music.

**11/29 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Thankings and Beginnings”**

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Many of us are just on the other side of celebrating Thanksgiving, an utterly American holiday. What have we been thankful for in our lives, and how does being thankful open the doors for changes in how we live? This day marks the beginning of Advent, the Christian season before Christmas, and we will ask, as the “Christmas Season” of Santa and elves and brightly lit trees dominates our cultural consciousness, what Advent might mean for faith and for those who cannot help but observe.

**12/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Entering Hannukah”**

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Our Jewish friends are about to enter one of the most popular, if least important, of the Jewish holidays: Hannukah. What is this holiday, and how has it come to take on such prominence when it is, in fact, a minor holiday. What might message of Hannukah mean for those who appreciate the wisdom of Judaism from outside of its traditions?