

Today's Music

Prelude: *Battle Hymn of the Republic* (words by Julia Ward Howe, 1862) and *The Prisoner's Hope* (George F. Root)

This famous tune started as the song *Say Brothers Will You Meet Us* from the camp (religious) meetings of the late 1700s. The Glory, Hallelujah chorus was added later, in the early 1800s. That tune was borrowed to become *John Brown's Body*, the song about the abolitionist John Brown decomposing in his grave. The Battle Hymn of the Republic was one of several variations of the "John Brown" song intended to improve upon the irreverent lyrics that made people uncomfortable. "Battle Hymn" persisted as a favorite patriotic song used at the funerals of Winston Churchill, Walt Disney, and services for victims of September 11. *The Prisoner's Hope* is a similar tune with the lyrics "Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The boys are marching. Cheer up comrades they will come. And beneath the starry flag, we shall breathe the air again, of the free land in our own beloved home."

Choir Anthem: *A Prayer of Serenity*

Based on the Serenity Prayer attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr
Music and additional words by Lynn Shaw Bailey

Musical Meditation: *The Vacant Chair* (written for Thanksgiving 1861)
George F. Root

Offertory: *When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again* (1863)
Louis Lambert (pseudonym for Patrick Gilmore)

Recessional: *The New Emancipation Song*
Mrs. Parkhurst, words by R. A. T.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, *Minister*

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Nancy Shattuck, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

Today's Greeters: Dan Hale Jody Wise

Hearing Assistance devices and **Large Print Hymnals** are available from any of our **Greeters**.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Nancy, at officeadmin@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

November 26, 2017

"My Heart Wears No Colors: A Sermon in Poetry"

Nancy Owen Nelson



*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* #205 *Amazing Grace*

Tenting on the Old Campground (see insert)

WELCOME Worship Leader, Nathan Strickland

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #161 *Peace! The Perfect Word*

Choir Anthem *1st UU Detroit Choir*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Response #123 *Spirit of Life (please sing along)*

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #411 *Part in Peace*

Recessional

*Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements and Events — November 26, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Kathe Stevens donates today's flowers to celebrate: "Happy birthday to me!"

COFFEE HOUR: Today we'll enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation in the Social Hall. Please join us.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour. The "Visitors' Table" 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!

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE: The Escalating Inequality Task Force, a coalition of UU congregations, including UU Detroit, is hosting "67 Detroit: The Myth of the Model City" and "'67 Rebellion: A Memory Play." It will be on Thursday, November 30, 2017, starting at 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, [23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, Michigan](#). See Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the Ticket Table at coffee hour for additional information or a registration form.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 11/26: 11:00AM - *My Heart Wears No Colors: A Sermon in Poetry*

Nancy Owen Nelson

In this sermon, Nelson will discuss her process of researching and writing poetry about her Confederate ancestors, and the challenging spiritual journey it entailed.

Nancy Owen Nelson has been a member of First UU Detroit since the Spring of 2012. She has been a college English professor and has published research and creative work. *My Heart Wears No Colors* is her first poetry (chap)book; it will be published in late 2018.

12/3: 11:00AM - *On Advent*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Many of the churches around us have begun to celebrate Advent, the season that leads up to Christmas. What is Advent, and how have UUs recognized it over the years?

12/10: 11:00am - *Annual "Human Rights Day" Service*

Joint service/celebration with Amnesty International

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

On this International Human Rights Day, we welcome Amnesty International to our church and ask, how do we address human rights today when our country has taken regressive stances on these important issues?

12/17: 11:00AM - *On Chanukah*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

In the midst of Chanukah, we will reflect on this Jewish tradition and the history of why Jews celebrate these eight nights.

12/24: 7:00PM - *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

(no worship on Sunday morning)

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister with Todd Ballou

Join us for our **annual** candlelight Christmas Eve service.

12/31: 11:00AM - *New Year's Resolutions*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

On the cusp of the movement from one year to the next, we often are asked to come up with resolutions for how we will live differently. What do we promise ourselves? Why do we want to change?

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We are looking for members and friends to help us lead the church. There is an explicit need for volunteers in the following areas:

- **Sermon Discussion Table Moderators**
 - Dig deeper into the topics covered in Sunday's sermon
 - Facilitate the table discussion during coffee hour
 - Contact the membership committee for more details or email Deana to sign up - deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net
- **Visitor Table Facilitators**
 - Welcome visitors to our social hour
 - Ask visitors about their story, listen, and, if appropriate, share your own story
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- **Greeters**
 - Show all who enter our church that they are truly welcome
 - Say "Good Morning!", hand out Orders of Service, & welcome visitors/members
 - Grab one of today's greeters or email Glenn to get involved - detroitglenn@gmail.com
- **Worship Leaders**
 - Create a member-centered environment for our Sunday services
 - Lead the service
 - Contact the worship committee or Mary Lou to be a part of this - maryloumaloneuu@gmail.com
- **Worship Coordinators**
 - Help make sure our services are outstanding
 - Work with the speaker on Sunday to make sure things go off without a hitch
 - Attend the worship committee meetings or contact Nancy get involved - nelnan@aol.com
- **Child Care Helpers**
 - Help out during the service to care for the children of those in attendance
 - Play with the little ones
 - Email Sally Borden for more information - sally233@sbcglobal.net
- **Choir**
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Sing Along

Tenting on the Old Campground Walter Kittredge

1. We are tenting on the old campground! Give us a song to cheer
Our weary hearts, a song of home, and friends we love so dear

Chorus:

Many are the hearts that are weary tonight,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right
To see the dawn of peace.

2. We've been tenting tonight on the old campground, thinking of days
gone by,
Of the lov'd ones at home that gave us the hand, and the tear that said
"good bye"

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3. We are tired of war on the old campground, many are dead and gone
Of the brave and true who've left their home, others been wounded long.

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