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First Unitarian-Universalist Church
January 3, 2016
“A New Year and A Century”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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

#38  Morning Has Broken
Auld Lang Syne (see insert)
#1000  Morning Has Come

WELCOME
Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*  #345  With Joy We Claim the Growing Light

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn*  #350  The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time
Benediction

Today’s Music
Prelude:  Hor Che la Vaga Aurora- “Now With the Dawn the Sun Wakes”
Vittoria Aleotti (c1574-after 1646)

Musical Meditation:  Morning from Peer Gynt Suite
Edvard Grieg

Offertory:  Denne er Dagen, som Herren har Gjort- “This is the day the Lord Has Made”
Efer M. Vulpius 1609/ arr. Jesper Madsen

Recessional:  Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky #301
music by grace- Lewis McLaren

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  Anita Jones
Today’s Greeters:  Sherry A Wells  Ruth Seifert
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; email the church secretary,
Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
Announcements and Events – January 3, 2016

**Intro to First UU Session**
January 3, 2016, 12:30 pm, Church House- Please join us if you are interested in learning about First Church. We will be discussing the history of First Church, Unitarian-Universalism and paths to membership. If you have any questions, please see Regina Weiss.

**Getting Involved Committee Fair**
*January 10th* during Coffee Hour. New friends and members are invited to learn more about the programs, activities, and volunteer opportunities at First Church. All leaders of the Church are encouraged to attend. For more information, see Regina Weiss.

**Free Movie and Discussion**
Ethyl Rivera Co-Chair of Alliance to Halt Fermi 3 will present "The Future of Energy: Lateral Power to the People" Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 1 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
1st UU Church Parlor. For questions call Carolyn Ludwig 248-545-0662

**Membership Book Signing**
January 10, 2016, After the Service- If you feel and believe the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit is your spiritual home, please become a member. There are 3 requirements to becoming a member: (1.) Signing the Membership Book, (2.) Making a financial pledge and/or (3.) Making a contribution of record. Please see Regina Weiss if you are interested in becoming a member.

**Chancel Flower Donations**
Today’s flowers are given by Nancy Owen Nelson and Roger Ziegler in celebration of the New Year and this wonderful community.

**100-4-100 Campaign**
The Membership Committee needs your help is to reach out and encourage new and old friends to become or renew their membership to First Church. We are aiming for 100 Members for our 100 years in our present congregational home.

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**January 2016 Vespers**
Inspired by her wonderful church service last year, the first Vespers of the new year will feature the poetic lyrics and music of songwriter extraordinaire Lee Thume on Wednesday January 27 at 6 pm in the parlor/Memorial Hall. Please join us for an hour of quiet beauty. Al Acker

**Greeters Needed**
Greeters are needed to welcome visitors and members to First Church. Greeters have the most important job in our Church. In this role they are especially welcoming "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" that walk through our doors. Please see Glenn Maxwell to volunteer.

**Sunday Sermons and Activities**

1/10  **11:00 a.m. Sermon, “On Religious Extremism”**
*Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
The news is full of stories concerning religious extremism in the world today, whether one is speaking about the international terrorism and military-styled conflict committed by Daesh/ISIL, or the domestic terrorism of a Christian-professing gunman opening fire at a Planned Parenthood or a major federal building or a school. It is important not merely to dismiss these actors as atypical offshoots of religion, stating categorically that such agents do not represent the religion from which they originate.

1/17  **11:00 a.m. Sermon, “The Beloved Community”**
*Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it.
Sing Along:  Auld Lang Syne
v. 1, 2, 5  words by Robert Burns (translated), old Scotch Air
v. 3, 4  source unknown

1. Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind ?
   Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne ?
   CHORUS: For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
   we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

2. And surely you'll buy your pint cup ! and surely I'll buy mine !
   And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.
   CHORUS

3. A smile is quite a funny thing, it wrinkles up your face
   And when it's gone you'll never find, its secret hiding place
   But far more wonderful it is, to see what smiles can do
   You smile at one, he smiles at you. And so one smile makes two

4. He smiles at someone, since you smiled, And then that one smiles back
   And that one smiles until, in truth, you fail in keeping track
   And since a smile can do great good, By cheering hearts of care
   Let's smile and smile and not forget,, that smiles go everywhere

5. And there's a hand my trusty friend ! And give us a hand o' thine !
   And we'll take a right good-will draught, for auld lang syne.
   CHORUS