First Unitarian-Universalist Church
January 10, 2016
“On Religious Extremism”
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
  - #348 Guide My Feet
  - #1032 Daoona Nayeesh
  - #162 Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield

WELCOME
- Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING
- Prelude
- Calling To Worship
- Kindling the Flame
- Opening Hymn* #122 Sound Over All Waters

DEEPENING
- Silent Meditation
- Invocation
- Musical Meditation
- Reading
- Message

RETURNING
- Offering
- Closing Hymn* #320 The Pen is Greater
- Benediction

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**Today’s Music**

**Prelude:** Eine Kleine Nachtmusik from Serenade No 13. For Strings (1787)
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Musical Meditation:** Imagine (1971)
John Lennon

**Offertory:** Allegro Assai from Sonata in F Major (1778)
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Recessional:** Rahgupati #178
Traditional Hindu Hymn pleading for peace between Muslim & Hindu was used by Mahatma Gandhi at his daily prayer meetings

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](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.
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.

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

Chancel Flower Donations

Today’s flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in memory of Patricia Dolan DiMetro (1953-1974).

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.

Announcements and Events – January 10, 2016

Butler Play: Jan. 16th at 3pm
I am organizing going to the Detroit Rep. to see the play Butler. It has a very good review and is a comedy based on Civil War History. Tickets are $15 each with the church getting $5 for each ticket. It is a very good value since at the door tickets are $20. We will go to the Traffic Jam after to have dinner. Please call Margaret Beck 313 882 7775, email margreteck@comcast.net, or I will have tickets for sale at coffee hour. Thanks ahead of time for participating in this mini fundraiser. … Margaret Beck

Escalating Inequality: Let’s Talk, 2016 Winter Speaker Series

Thursday, January 21, 2016, Chuck Collins
Thursday, February 18, 2016, Hon. Marilyn Kelly
Thursday, March 17, 2016, Peter J. Hammer

At Birmingham Unitarian Church sponsored by 1st UU and four other southeast Michigan UU churches. The fee is $7 for each talk or $15 for all three. For more information or to make reservations, see Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

"Lifting Up Detroit in Song and Prayer"

Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network (DION) will host "Lifting Up Detroit in Song and Prayer" at First UU on January 17. First UU Coffee Hour on January 17 will start in the Parlor, with all invited to join in a 12:30 PM potluck in the Social Hall — sponsored by DION — followed by a tour of the sanctuary at 1:30 PM. An interfaith panel discussion at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary will center on religious perspectives on violence. Participants from five faith traditions are confirmed: A.M.E., Quaker, Muslim, Jewish and UU (Rev. Kiki Riegel of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church will provide the UU perspective). The panel is followed by an ecumenical worship service at 3:00 PM. The event is organized by Rabbi Dorit Edut as part of DION’s Adult Religious Literacy Program. The mission of the Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network is to build community through interfaith collaboration to promote unity, integrity, respect, education and the successful development of our Metro Detroit youth and family.
Sunday Sermons and Activities

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.

1/24  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Did Jesus Mean It?”  
**Speaker:** Danny Rebb  
Danny will be speaking on a book published in 1922 by Rev. Dr. Frank Durward Adams, a former minister to the Church of Our Father (the Universalist predecessor to our joined congregation). More details in the “Centennial” section of the January newsletter.

1/31  11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Social Justice and the Spiritual Journey: A Remembrance of Vic Schumacher”  
**Speakers:** Rev. Lynda Smith; Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Linda Darga  
The quest for social justice is exemplified in the life of Vic Schumacher, an icon of First UU and Detroit for many years. Rev. Lynda Smith, a long time member of First UU and now minister at the UU Fellowship of Athens, Ohio will lead this service. She will be assisted by Vic’s daughter, Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, also a UU minister, and Linda Darga, Vic’s widow. Vic's legacy gives a context for today’s justice work.

2/7  11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Black Theology & Black Power”  
**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray  
At the outset of Black History Month, I want to consider the first, ground-breaking work of James H. Cone, the father of Black liberation theology. One of the most important theological texts of the 20th century, Black Theology & Black Power opened the doors to contextual theologies in America. This is the first in a month-long series on the influence of black scholars on theology and religion in America.