

## Today's Music

- Prelude:** *The Impossible Dream from the musical  
"Man of La Mancha"*  
Mitch Leigh
- Musical Meditation:** *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*  
Thomas A. Dorsey
- Choir Anthem:** *A Place in the Choir*  
Bill Staines, arr. Ed Harris
- Offertory:** *Go Down, Moses*  
African-American Spiritual/ arr.  
Fela Sowande (see below)
- Recessional:** *I Just Feel Like Something Good is About  
to Happen*  
William Gaither

*Fela Sowande (1905-1987), was born in Nigeria; he studied and lived in London, and eventually settled in the United States. He became a US citizen in 1977. Although his compositions owe much to a strong Nigerian influence, he also incorporated Western techniques; in this way, he emphasized his belief that nationalism should not go unchecked, but always be a part of the greater global community. "Biographical Information compiled by James Abbingtion, from "King of Kings, Organ Music of Black Composers, Volume 2"*

### 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 Regina Weiss  
**Today's Greeters:** Deanna McGraw Sydney Schaaf  
**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

January 17, 2016

*"The Beloved Community"*

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler 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 #407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*  
#1028 *The Fire of Commitment*  
#169 *We Shall Overcome*

#### WELCOME

Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

- Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#### DEEPENING

- Silent Meditation  
Invocation  
Musical Meditation  
Reading  
Message

#### RETURNING

- Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #144 *Now is the Time Approaching*  
Benediction

## Announcements and Events – January 17, 2016

### 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

### "Lifting Up Detroit in Song and Prayer"

Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network (DION) will host "Lifting Up Detroit in Song and Prayer" today. Coffee hour 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. Kimi 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.

### Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in In celebration of Colleen's birthday

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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### 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.

### Music Discussion after the service on January 31, 2106.

Todd Ballou would like to invite you to a music discussion! This will be a casual discussion of the entire music program at 1<sup>st</sup> UU church, seeking feedback, ideas, and inspiration for the year ahead. Topics may include instrumental music, our organ, our choir, hymns, or the difference between C sharp and D flat. The last "Congregational Music Forum" was held one year ago in January 2015, and that discussion inspired the purchase of our new teal hymnals. (Note that this is a correction from our most recent newsletter, which lists the music discussion on January 24<sup>th</sup>.)

### Introduction to First UU Session-02/07/16, 12:30 pm

Learn more about the First Church of Detroit and about Unitarian-Universalism at this informative and fun session. Please see or contact Regina Weiss if you have any questions. Regina may be reached at: [regina.a.weiss@gmail.com](mailto:regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)

### Tickets Giveaway!

I have two tickets for National Action Network's 3rd Annual "Dream Keepers" brunch and awards ceremony on Monday, January 18 at 11:00 AM at the Detroit Athletic Club. Mary Liuzzo Lilleboe and Anthony Liuzzo Jr. (two of Viola Liuzzo's children) are speaking. I have a conflict. Is anyone interested in taking the tickets from me?...Kathe Stevens

## Sunday Sermons

- 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.