

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *Erev Shel Shoshanim: Evening of Roses*
Israeli folk song

Musical Meditation: *Ma Navu: How Pleasant Are the Mountains*
Israeli folk song

Offertory: *What a Wonderful World*
words and music by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

Recessional: *Maple Leaf Rag*
Scott Joplin

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: Suzanne Baker Gerhard Krabbe

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

January 28, 2018

"Planting and Life"

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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
Singing Together* #399 *Vine and Fig Tree*
#1021 *Lean on Me*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sally Borden

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response #123 *Spirit of Life (please sing along)*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #342 *O Slowly, Slowly They Return*
Recessional

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

Announcements and Events — January 28, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Jillian Gross Fortgang donated today's flowers in celebration of Joel Fortgang beginning a new adventure with joy and abundance.

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!**

BIRTHDAY NOTES: If you're not sure if we have your birth date on the church birthday list, please see Sally Borden. We want to honor everyone at church who has a birthday. P. S. You don't have to give the year!

DETROIT REP OUTING: I have 19 tickets to the Detroit Rep play, *Dolphin Island*, a comedy about two displaced souls intertwined. The tickets will be for the 3:00PM matinee, Saturday, March 3rd. Anyone who would like to join us is invited to dinner afterward at Shangri La, across from UU church. Tickets are \$15, with the church receiving \$5 for every ticket sold. Hope you can join us. I will have tickets at coffee hour or call me, Margaret Beck at 313 882 7775 or email me at margretbeck@comcast.net

LIVING WILL WORKSHOP: TODAY, at 12:30PM after church, Sherry A. Wells, JD, will be holding a workshop for writing wills. You will be choosing Patient Advocates and filling out the checklist of options to deal with doctors when you are unable to do so. Determine which two people you want to appoint--they need to accept that honor on a form she'll give you.

SAVE THE DATE! Former UU Detroit Julie Brock will be ordained in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 22 @3:30 PM, followed by a catered reception.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 1/28 11:00AM – Planting and Life

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
In the Jewish calendar, January 31st is the holiday *Tu B'shevat*, which celebrates tree plantings and making the land more vibrant and healthy. We recognize tree planting and land restoration projects which improve the viability of the land and the resources that the land then provides back to the people.

2/4 11:00AM – Roots and Wings

Guest UU Minister
Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, not a creedal one. We will explore the origins of our covenantal faith and how we might live into the promises we make to one another today.

2/11 11:00AM – The Legacy of Howard Thurman

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
During our recognition of Black History month, an important legacy to consider is that of Howard Thurman, former Dean of the Chapel at both Boston University and Howard University, and founding co-pastor of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first intentionally inter-racial church in the United States.

2/18 11:00AM – Mass Incarceration for Profit

Abayomi Azikiwe
There has always been a monetary basis underlying the character of correctional institutions in the United States. From slavery, reconstruction, post-reconstruction to the privatization of prisons, the criminalization of African Americans and other oppressed peoples is clearly linked to the maintenance of the social status quo. Movements for social justice in 21st century America must embrace the struggle to reform law-enforcement, the courts, and prisons by uprooting the racial and class character of the criminal justice hierarchy. Abayomi Azikiwe is the editor of the Pan-African News Wire and a co-founder of several Detroit-area organizations: The Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, the Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice, the Moratorium NOW! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions, and Utility Shut-offs.