

**Today's Music**

**Prelude:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
African-American Spiritual

**Musical Meditation:** *Deep River*  
African-American Spiritual/ arr.  
H. T Burleigh

**Offertory:** *Go Down, Moses*  
African-American Spiritual/ arr.  
Fela Sowande

**Recessional:** *We Are Marching*  
Traditional South African

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

**February 7, 2016**

***"Black Theology & Black Power"***

***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 #156 *Oh, Freedom*  
#172 *Siph' Amandla*  
#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

**WELCOME**

Sherry A Wells, Worship Leader

**CENTERING**

Prelude  
Calling To Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn\* #151 *I Wish I Knew How*

**DEEPENING**

Invocation  
Silent Meditation  
Musical Meditation  
Responsive Reading  
Message

**RETURNING**

Offering  
Closing Hymn\* #104 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*  
Benediction

**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:** Anita Jones Regina Weiss

**Today's Greeters:** Sydney Schaaf Marilyn Mitchell

**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.

## Announcements and Events – February 7, 2016

### Intro to First UU" Session: TODAY-12:30 pm

For more information about Unitarian-Universalism, please join us in the Narthex, after Social Hour. We will be sharing information about First UU and Unitarian-Universalism. The no-pressure, relaxed session is held to inform you about our church. For more information, please see Regina Weiss or Joan Smykowski

**Membership Book Signing:** February 14, 2016-After the Service  
Finding your church home is a personal decision that may take years. If you feel you have found your spiritual home, please let Regina Weiss know. Your new church family looks forward to celebrating your decision at the Membership Book signing. You may find all membership forms at our website: [www.firstuu.org](http://www.firstuu.org).

### **Escalating Inequality: Let's Talk, 2016 Winter Speaker Series**

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. For more information or to make reservations, see Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

**The February Vespers** will be at 6pm February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor and feature a newish church member ...here's what she says about her performance: "My Voice is My Instrument" - Anita Jones will share original songs and poems along with the story of her alter ego, Ruby Woods. She will sing acapella and bring along her bag of percussion instruments. Come and enjoy and relax.

Al Acker

### **Chancel Flower Donations**

Today's flowers are given by Coleen Dolan-Greene in loving memory of Walter R. Greene, Jr. (1917-1992)

### **Membership Goal**

The new membership goal for 2016, the year of our centennial in this building, is 125 members. We've already surpassed our goal of 100 members. We encourage all members to reach out, and invite friends to our services, programs and events.

## Sunday Sermons

- 2/14    **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "White Privilege/ Black Power and Never the Twain Shall Meet"  
**Speaker:** Satori Shakoor  
Satori Shakoor is Executive Director of The Society for the re-Institutionalization of Storytelling and a host of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers. She has received international acclaim as a singer with "Parliament/Funkadelic" and is one of "The Brides of Funkenstein." Ms. Shakoor will share her storytelling and musical talents with the congregation.
- 2/21    **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Sisters in the Wilderness"  
**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray  
Womanist theology is the constructive theology of black women who offered strong critiques both to the often male-centric black liberation theology and the often white-centric feminist theology. The title of this sermon comes from the powerful book Sisters in the Wilderness by Delores S. Williams
- 2/28    **11:00 a.m. Sermon**, "Water: A Tale of Two Cities"  
**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray  
The Michigan cities of Detroit and Flint have made international headlines over water issues, and both situations beg questions regarding political economy and race in America.