First Unitarian-Universalist Church
February 7, 2016
“Black Theology & Black Power”
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
#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

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

Daily Home Prayer

Liberate Truth – Radiate Kindness – Love Courageously

Today’s Ushers: Anita Jones Regina Weiss
Today’s Greeters: Sydney Schaa 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; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
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.

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 1st 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 24th 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.