First Unitarian-Universalist Church
February 19, 2017
“On James Baldwin”
The 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
#348 Guide My Feet

WELCOME
Dessa Cosma, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*

#1019 Everything Possible
Choir Anthem
Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response

#123 Spirit of Life
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn*

#153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning
Benediction

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator

Today’s Ushers: Mark Schwing  Danny Rebb
Today’s Greeters: Aletha Oberdier  Deanna McGraw

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our Greeters.
Large Print Hymnals are available from the Greeters.

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.
Announcements and Events – February 19, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS
Today’s flowers are given by Elayne Sikelianos in celebration of Eleni Sikelianos' new book, Make Yourself Happy.

FEBRUARY VESPERS
Given the current political climate and the proximity to Valentine’s Day Vespers will feature poetry about all kinds of love except the Hallmark variety and some “lovely” music. It’s all happening Wednesday February 22 from 6 to 7 pm in the parlor. Hope to see you there. Al Acker

FAYE COLLING MEMORIAL SERVICE
The memorial service of long-time church member, Faye Colling, is next Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 PM, in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

BOOK DISCUSSION—MARCH 12
Please join us on Sunday, March 12, at 12:30 PM, in the Parlor, for a discussion of "March: Book One," the first book in a graphic novel trilogy authored by Congressman John Lewis, in collaboration with co-writer Andrew Aydin and New York Times best-selling artist Nate Powell (winner of the Eisner Award and LA Times Book Prize finalist for Swallow Me Whole). The book is available in bookstores, including our neighborhood bookstore, Source Booksellers, or online.

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE
The escalating inequality task force is sponsoring “Saving our Healthcare in an Ant-Government Environment” on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The location is the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave, in Bloomfield Hills. It will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The speaker will be Marjorie Mitchell, Executive Director of the Michigan Universal Health Care Access Network. Tickets are $7 and can be purchased during social hour from Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the social justice table.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 11:00 AM Sermon, “On James Baldwin”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
During this Black History Month, a request that came from a member of our congregation is that I speak about novelist, playwright, and social critic James Baldwin and his legacy.

2/26 11:00 AM Sermon, “Conscience and Democracy”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Continuing our monthly series on the seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I will focus on the Fifth Principle: “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.”

3/5 11:00 AM Sermon, “Peace, Liberty, and Justice”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Continuing our monthly series on the seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I will focus on the Sixth Principle: “The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.”

3/12 11:00 AM Sermon, “The Power of Protest”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the most potent forms of resistance against governments is protest. As we live in an America where 60's radicals suddenly find themselves turning on TV screens to find millions of women marching in the streets, protesters against an oil pipeline huddled in snowy terrain, and plans for new massive protests afoot, how do we interpret this social phenomenon?