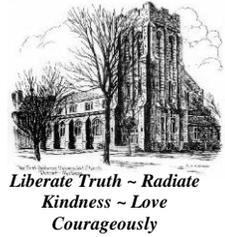


First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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

Today's Music

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

Choir Anthem: *Turn the World Around*
Harry Belafonte

Musical Meditation: *Ella's Song*
Bernice Johnson Reagon

Offertory: *Go Down, Moses*
arr. Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

Recessional: *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round*
American Civil Rights Song, based on
earlier Gospel song by the same name.
Earliest publication is in Forty Negro
Spirituals: compiled and arranged for
Solo Voice by Clarence Cameron
White, 1927

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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.

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

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?