

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *Good Morning Blues* by Count Basie

Musical Meditation: *Solitude* by Duke Ellington

Offertory: *Give Me a Clean Heart* by Margaret Douroux

Recessional: *Weeping Willow* by Scott Joplin

* "**We Shall Overcome**" is credited in our hymnals as an African American Spiritual. However, newly discovered research in the book, *We Shall Overcome: Sacred Song on The Devil's Tongue*, written by Isaias Gamboa, strongly suggests that the original source of "We Shall Overcome" is a gospel hymn entitled, "If My Jesus Wills," composed sometime between 1932 and 1942 and copyrighted in 1954 by an African-American Baptist choir director named **Louise Shropshire**. Shropshire's hymn uses the lyrics "I'll Overcome, I'll Overcome, I'll Overcome Someday. If My Jesus Wills, I Do Believe, I'll Overcome Someday."

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: Toni Tront Carolyn Ludwig

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

February 25, 2018

"The Womanist Movement"

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*

#212 *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle*

Stand Up Now and Clap (see insert)

WELCOME Worship Leader, Lyndy Johnston

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #169 *We Shall Overcome**

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Response #123 *Spirit of Life (please sing along)*

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #1001 *Breaths*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – February 25, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Glenn Maxwell for Ded Rranzburgaj and family.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us today for coffee, cookies, and conversation in the Social Hall. **We'd like to meet you.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. 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!**

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 3. You're also invited to join us for dinner afterward at Shangri La, across from UU church. Tickets are \$15, with the church receiving \$5 for every ticket sold. I will have tickets at coffee hour or call me, Margaret Beck at 313 882 7775 or email me at margretbeck@comcast.net.

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

VESPERS LOCATION CHANGE: On Wednesday, February 28th, at 6:00PM, vespers will be held at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn <http://www.henryfordvillage.com/>. Anita Ruby Jones will read from Dr. Gloria House's fourth poetry collection, *Medicine: New and Selected Poems*, accompanied by musical selections. Dr. House, also known by her African pen name Aneb Kgositsile, is a Detroit poet, human-rights activist, and educator. Please contact Dan Secrest at danielsecrest@gmail.com, or 313-580-7082, with any questions.

UU DETROIT SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION: Caitlin Homrich-Knieling from Michigan United will be here today at 12:30PM to talk about the Rranzburgaj family. We will be writing letters to the director of Detroit ICE field operations so that Mr. Rranzburgaj can

get a stay-of-deportation to take care of his wife, Flora, who has MS, and their two sons. Please join us to provide support for this cause.

INTRODUCTION TO UU WORKSHOP: Today, Sally Borden and Dessa Cosma will offer our quarterly Introduction to UU workshop today at 12:30PM in the narthex. If you'd like to learn about the values and history of our denomination and of our specific congregation, please join us!

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 2/25 11: 00AM – The Womanist Movement

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
On this weekend that marks a transition from Black History Month to Women's History Month, I think it is important to mark the rise of the womanist movement, which differentiates the priorities of black women from those of the feminist movement, which tends to focus on the issues of white women.

3/4 11:00AM – Holi

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
Holi is an ancient Hindu religious festival, known as the festival of colors or the festival of love. Holi is said to signify the victory of good over evil, and the arrival of spring. Today, we will explore this ancient holiday celebrated around the world.

3/11 11:00AM – Remembering Viola Gregg Liuzzo

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
During this Women's History Month, we remember one of our own, Viola Gregg Liuzzo (1925-1965), a member of this church who was the only white woman martyred during the Civil Rights Movement. This sermon will focus on her life and legacy.

3/18 11:00AM – On St. Patrick

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
On St. Patrick's Day, we are used to wearing green, imbibing green-colored drinks, and celebrating all things Irish. But who was St. Patrick? Why do we continue to celebrate this fifth century missionary and bishop?