Today’s Music
Our musician today is Hannah Waterstone

Prelude: Good Morning Blues
Count Basie

Musical Meditation: Drops on the Waterfall
H. Waterstone

Offertory: Follow the Drinking Gourd
African American spiritual

Recessional: Wade in the Water
African American spiritual

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: Regina Weiss Danny Rebb
Today’s Greeters: Paul Chislett Joan Śmykowskki

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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
February 26, 2017
“Conscience and Democracy”
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*
The 7 UU Principles (see insert)

#116 I’m On My Way

WELCOME
Nathan Strickland, Jr., Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*

#300 With Heart and Mind

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response
Message

#123 Spirit of Life

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn*

#113 Where is Our Holy Church?
Benediction

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
FLOWER DONATIONS
Today's flowers are given by Trey Green in honor of Walter R. Greene IV's birthday and in memory of Faye Colling.

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

SHARE THE PLATE
Our Share the Plate guest recipient this Sunday is We the People of Detroit. You may remember the message Monica Lewis-Patrick gave us last month concerning the water issues in Detroit, Flint and elsewhere. At its core, it is a message that echoes principles set forth by the United Nations, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms. We the People of Detroit posits that access to water is a basic human right. Please show your support for this group and its efforts to help the less fortunate among us while raising the consciousness of our region.

The rules for the Share the Plate Sunday are as follows:

Any funds received during the offertory that have no designation will be split 50/50 between our guest recipient and the church. Please mark in the memo area of your check or on the envelope as to how you want your donation to be allocated.

BOOK DISCUSSION — MARCH 19 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Please join us on Sunday, March 19, 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 Anti-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 per event. To register in advance, see Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone during social hour. You may also register online with Eventbrite: (tinyurl.com/2017Series) or at the door.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 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?
Sing Along: The Seven UU Principles  
words by Carol Benson Holst (tune: Do Re Mi)

The syllables that are underlined will crunch together to fit the pre-existing melody.

ONE- Each person is important  
TWO- Be kind in all you do  
THREE- We’re free to learn together  
FOUR- And search for what is true  
FIVE- All people need a vote  
SIX- Build a fair and peaceful world  
SEVEN- We care for Earth’s lifeboat  
That will bring us back to me and UU…(repeat)