

# First Unitarian-Universalist Church

February 26, 2017

*“Conscience and Democracy”*

*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\*

*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\*  
Benediction

#113 *Where is Our Holy Church?*

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## 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 Smykowski

**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](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary,  
Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## Announcements and Events – February 26, 2017

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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 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](http://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)