

Today's Music

Prelude: *The Washington Post March*
John Philip Sousa
This march was commissioned by the Washington Post newspaper in 1889 for the newspaper's essay contest awards ceremony. The motto of the Washington Post is "Democracy Dies in Darkness".

Choir Anthem: *Bambelela*
Traditional South African,
transcribed by Mairi Munro and
Martine Stemerick

Musical Meditation: *Blowin' in the Wind (1962)*
Bob Dylan
Did you know that Bob Dylan based this song on the negro spiritual
"No More Auction Block for Me"?

Offertory: *Respect (1965)*
Otis Redding, Jr.

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: Carolyn Lusch Maysel Brooks

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our **Greeters**.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters**.

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Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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March 12, 2017

"The Power of Protest"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #154 *No More Auction Block for Me*
#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

WELCOME
Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1014 *Standing on the Side of Love*
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* #169 *We Shall Overcome*
Benediction
Welcoming New Members

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

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FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's flowers are given by Airlie, appreciating all who have been demonstrating, and working for the rights of women all over the planet.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to Dessa Cosma, the Membership Committee Chair. We will be inviting new members to sign the book today at the end of the service.

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) or at the door.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 19

Please mark your calendars for the Planning Committee's upcoming meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 12:30 PM in the Chancel.

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BOOK DISCUSSION—MARCH 19

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.

MARCH 22 VESPERS will welcome back a favorite...Ruby Jones will bring words and instruments and share Goddess Chants and Circle songs. She calls it "Vernal Equinox Sing-a-long". March 22nd at 6 pm in the church parlor aka Memorial Hall. Please come and enjoy a respite in your busy week. Al Acker

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Ministerial Search Committee is pleased to announce that a candidate for our Settled Minister has been selected for your consideration. A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, March 26, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Social Hall for a vote by the congregation. YOUR VOTE COUNTS. It is imperative that you attend to help determine the future of our church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Nominating Committee is looking people from the congregation to represent us at the UUA's General Assembly (New Orleans June 21-25) as well as the regional MidAmerica Conference (April 2018). We are also looking for people who want to take on a leadership role either on our board or on the nominating committee. If you are interested please contact Matt Friedrichs - friedrichs.matt@gmail.com, 301-928-4227.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 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?

3/19 11:00 AM Sermon, "Chaos or Community?"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In today's political climate, many of us wonder whether we are headed toward chaos. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote an important book, *Chaos or Community?*, for a different time. However, the lessons of this book are ones that may still apply to American society today.

3/26 11:00 AM Sermon, "On Cornel West"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Cornel West, Harvard professor and one of the preeminent public intellectuals of our time, will be speaking in Grosse Pointe soon. As some of the members of our church prepare to attend this public lecture, I wanted to speak about the legacy of Cornel West, especially his flagship books *Race Matters* and *Democracy Matters*.