

Today's Music

Prelude: *I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover*
music by Harry Woods

As legend has it, St. Patrick used the more common three-leaf shamrock to explain the idea of the Trinity.

Choir Anthem: *The Irish Blessing*
Traditional Gaelic Prayer, arr. Joyce Eilers Bacak

Musical Meditation: *Such Good Luck*, music from Downton Abbey
John Lunn

The Irish become known for their "good luck" because of their success in the American gold rush of the late 19th century. At the time, the phrase was derogatory, intended to imply that their success was based only on luck and not skill.

Offertory: *Prelude on Londonderry Air*
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

This traditional tune was first published in an 1855 collection of ancient Irish music after being documented by Jane Ross, who was from the County of Londonderry in Northern Ireland. The tune was later paired with the famous poem by Frederick Edwards Weatherby "O, Danny Boy" in 1913.

Recessional: *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*
Music by Ernest R. Ball

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: Joan Smykowski Kathe Stevens

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

March 18, 2018

"On St. Patrick"

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* #159 *This is My Song*
 #162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword & Shield*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Dessa Cosma

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #1000 *Morning Has Come*

Choir Anthem *1st UU Detroit Choir*

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #20 *Be Thou My Vision*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – March 18, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated to honor Marsha Bruhn's contributions to the City of Detroit as City Planner.

COFFEE HOUR: We'll be meeting for coffee, cookies, and conversation in the Social Hall immediately after the service. **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!**

JULIE BROCK APRIL 22ND ORDINATION AND FESTIVITIES:
PLEASE RSVP by March 30 for Julie's ordination and related festivities at juliebrockordination.eventbrite.com. If you don't have access to the internet, see Kathe Stevens in coffee hour.

WWWP – WOMEN WALKING WOODWARD FOR PEACE 2018:

Mother's Day - May 13

Gather at UU Detroit Church/Cass Corridor Commons

8:00AM – walk south to Grand Circus Park

and return to UU Detroit by 11am

(3-mile loop) Signs & Banners provided

Immediately following the walk, you are invited to attend a special service and potluck at UU Detroit Church. PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS, ONLY - we will be celebrating in our small Parlor instead of in our Social Hall.

SHARE THE PLATE: Our Share the Plate recipient this Sunday is the Siena Literacy Center <http://sienaliteracy.org>. The Siena Literacy Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of families in northwest Metropolitan Detroit by providing a basic education program for adult learners. Together with their volunteer tutors, they teach reading, math, computer skills, and English as a Second Language (ESL). Since 1995, over 600 tutors

(including many UU Detroiters) have helped over 2000 adult learners meet the challenges of their everyday lives. 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. Share the Plate donations do not count toward your pledge.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 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?

3/25 11:00AM - Our Heroines of Social Justice

Danny Rebb, Guest Speaker

During our Centennial celebration, we tapped into much of UU Detroit's history. However, we have yet to look at the Unitarian and Universalist women who bolstered our church's social justice programs as members of the First Congregational Unitarian Church of Detroit and The Church of Our Father, Universalist. Danny Rebb will share his research on the heroines who worked in prison reform, suffrage, child welfare, health care, education, peace, and temperance. These women not only served our church but held significant positions in the Detroit community, such as president of the Girls' Protective League; Chairperson of the Reform Board, Detroit House of Corrections; Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee of the Detroit League of Women's Clubs; Director of the Protestant Children's Home, and others.

4/1 EASTER 11:00AM – Gratitude

Reverend Stanley Nunn

Join Reverend Nunn for a discussion about Easter and Ostara, both celebrations of Renewal and Rebirth that inspire gratitude for the bounty of our existence.