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

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)
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 ORDNATION 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 Detroiter) 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 Re birth that inspire gratitude for the bounty of our existence.