

Today's Music

Prelude: *"Sunrise"* from *Also Sprach Zarathustra op. 30* (1896)
Richard Strauss

Thus Spake Zarathustra is a tone poem inspired by Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophical novel with the same name. This opening fanfare was labeled as "Sunrise" by the composer.

Musical Meditation: *Edelweiss* from "The Sound of Music" (1959)
Richard Rodgers

Offertory: *Praeludium in G Minor BuxWV 163*
Dietrich Buxtehude

Buxtehude (c.1638-1707) is considered one of the most important German composers of the mid-Baroque. His style strongly influenced J. S. Bach, who was born in 1685 and was almost 50 years younger. This prelude is composed as several distinct sections that alternate between improvisation and strict counterpoint.

Recessional: *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*
Music by Albert Von Tizler

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: Kathie Stevens Glenn Maxwell

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

April 1, 2018

"Gratitude"

Reverend Stanley Nunn



*Liberate Truth ~
Radiate Kindness ~
Love Courageously*

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* #1071 *On the Dusty Earth Drum*
 #348 *Guide My Feet*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Dan Secrest

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #1005 *Praise in Springtime*

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Responsive Reading #442

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #61 *Lo, The Earth Awakes Again*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – April 1, 2018

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Margaret Beck to wish us all a Happy Easter.

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 for Julie's ordination to Kathe Stevens in coffee hour or call her at 313.675.1553.

WWWP – WOMEN WALKING WOODWARD FOR PEACE 2018:

On Mother's Day, May 13, at 8:00AM, the WWWP will gather at UU Detroit Church/Cass Corridor to walk south to Grand Circus Park and return to UU Detroit by 11:00AM (3-mile loop). Signs & Banners will be 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.

THE NEW DIRECTORY IS HERE! The new 2018 UU Detroit directory of members has been published. Copies will be available in coffee hour on Sundays starting this Sunday, March 25. We're asking a donation of \$5, or whatever you can give, to defray printing costs. If you can't get to church to pick up a directory, send your donation to our office administrator, Nancy Shattuck, and she'll mail a copy to you. Thank you to Danny Rebb, for compiling the directory, and to Kathleen Jacobs, for low-cost printing.

POTLUCK SUNDAY is next week. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish! Also, please label it if vegan, gluten-free, paleo, or dairy-free for people with dietary restrictions.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 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.

Reverend Nunn is the founder and Wiccan priest at Pagan Pathways Temple. He has dedicated his life to further the spiritual growth of all who choose to walk the path of mysteries. By serving as leadership for events in the pagan community such as, Pagan Pride Day and ConVocation, he has worked to ensure that all who choose to seek a strong pagan community find one. Reverend Nunn began his journey as a student of Wicca and has found the principles of Wicca to be central to his philosophy. His goal is to help as many as possible find their path to enlightenment and joy in life.

4/8 11:00AM – UU Values in Action

Regina Weiss and Matt Friedrichs

Regina and Matt will be speaking about how their UU values have affected their lives and led them to seek public office. We look forward to hearing from these two members who have pursued political campaigns recently. Regina was elected to the Oak Park School Board and Matt is running for state representative for a local district.

4/15 11:00AM – Pay It Forward

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

As we enter the season of our church's annual Canvas efforts, the minister will preach on the value of giving and stewardship.

4/22 11:00AM – On James Luther Adams

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James Luther Adams (1901-1994), longtime professor at Harvard Divinity School, Andover Newton Theological School, and Meadville Lombard Theological School, was perhaps the most important UU theologian of the 20th century. In this sermon, I will explore his biography and legacy to the Unitarian Universalist Association.