**First Unitarian-Universalist Church**

April 9, 2017

*“Going Forward*

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray*

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

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**Today’s Music**

**Prelude:** *Toccata from Symphony #5 in F Minor (op.13, no 5)*

Charles Marie Widor 1876

**Musical Meditation:** *Imagine*

John Lennon

**Offertory:** *The Four Tops Medley: Baby, I Need Your Lovin’; Reach out, I’ll Be There; It’s the Same Old Song, I Can’t Help Myself*

Brian Holland, Lamont Dozier, and Eddie Holland

**Recessional:** *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*

music by Albert Von Tizler

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**Order of Service**

**Entering**

- Lighting of Candles
- Singing Together* #116 On My Way
- Never Turning Back (see insert)

**Welcome**

Nathan Strickland, Worship Leader

**Centering**

- Prelude
- Calling to Worship
- Kindling the Flame
- Opening Hymn* #1064 Blue Boat Home

**Deepening**

- Silent Meditation
- Invocation
- Musical Meditation
- Reading
- Response #123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)
- Message

**Returning**

- Offering
- Closing Hymn* #114 Forward Through the Ages
- Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

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Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
Sing Along: Never Turning Back
Pat Humphries

1. We're gonna keep on walking forward,
Keep on walking forward, keep on walking forward.
Never turning back, never turning back

2. We're gonna keep on walking proudly....

3. We're gonna keep on loving boldly...

4. We're gonna work for change together...

Announcements and Events – April 9, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS
Today’s flowers are given by Trey & Colleen Dolan-Greene, in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary!

CANVASS CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF – APRIL 9
Today is Stewardship Sunday for our congregation. Once a year, we ask all members and friends to make a financial commitment to the church. The theme for the campaign is “Going Forward!” We will have one meeting, during the end of Social Hour, to discuss our 2017 Canvass Campaign. If you are unable to attend, please see Joan Smykowski to pick up your pledge form. We appreciate your support and commitment to our church.

There will not be a Potluck today – the Canvass Committee will provide lunch so we may concentrate on the future!

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE
The escalating inequality task force is sponsoring “Part I: The Fall and Rise of Income Inequality” and “Part 2: Jobs in a Second Machine Age” on Thursday, April 20, 2017. The location is the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave, in Bloomfield Hills. It will be from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are $7 per event. To register in advance, see Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the Social Justice table during social hour. You may also register online with Eventbrite: (tinyurl.com/2017Series) or at the door.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 4/9 11:00 AM “Going Forward”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
As we consider the next steps forward for our church, this sermon will focus on the importance of continuing to build community, expand our programs, and commit our faith and conscience toward justice work together. We will talk about our hopes and fears, and how we can contribute to the common cause of the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Detroit.

4/16 11:00 AM “In Search of Sanctuary”
Speaker: Rev. Larry Hutchinson, UU Detroit Minister Emeritus
Sanctuary is a warm, beautiful, strong, safe, and challenging word for me. In a world with so much hostility we offer a counter-culture of hospitality. And sanctuary is always a summons to practice hospitality. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matt. 25:40)

4/23 11:00 AM “On Reinhold Niebuhr”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the preeminent American ethicists of the 20th Century was Reinhold Niebuhr, who before joining the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City was a pastor in Detroit for 13 years. This talk will discuss Niebuhr, focusing on his Detroit years and legacy. This month, PBS is showing a documentary called “An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story.”

4/30 11:00 AM “The Web of Existence”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Concluding our monthly series on the seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, I will focus on the Seventh Principle, “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”