

## 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

### 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:** Regina Weiss Gerry Williams

**Today's Greeters:** Dan Hale Jody Wise

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

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

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## *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**



*Liberate Truth ~  
Radiate Kindness ~  
Love Courageously*

### 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

Message

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

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\*

Recessional

#114 *Forward Through the Ages*

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

***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](http://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."