First Unitarian-Universalist Church  
April 22, 2018  
“On James Luther Adams”  
The Rev. 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*  #121 We’ll Build a Land  
#368 Now Let Us Sing

WELCOME  
Worship Leader, Lindi Johnston

CENTERING  
Prelude  
Calling to Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn*  #6 Just as Long as I Have Breath  
Musical Interlude  Nathan Strickland, Eric Hansen, Todd Ballou

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

RETURNING  
Offering  
Closing Hymn*  #287 Faith of the Larger Liberty  
Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Parlor for coffee, cookies, and conversation  
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are donated by Kathe Stevens in celebration of Julie Brock’s ordination today.

COFFEE HOUR: We’ll be meeting in the Parlor immediately after the service for coffee, cookies, and conversation. Everyone is invited!

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!

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 and 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.

VESPER MEETING: We will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00PM, in the library at Henry Ford Village (15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126). Visitor parking is adjacent to the Great Lakes Clubhouse entrance. Do not park in a slot with a yellow dot on the concrete. Lencha Acker and Nancy Owen Nelson will present the poetry of Wendell Berry and Jane Kenyon. The session will also include the poetry of students from Inside/Out.

DEEPEST APPRECIATION: To all my friends at First UU who came to honor my son Steve and to support me and my family and our loss of him: this is the kind of deep, personal connection that has meant so much to me since joining the church in the 1960s. Moments like these will keep me always connected to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit. Thank you so much. Lee Thume

JULIE BROCK’S ORDINATION is today, at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 4/22 11:00AM – On James Luther Adams
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
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.

4/29 11:00AM – Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful
Reverend Kalen Fristad
The teaching of eternal damnation is not merely a harmless untruth that we might appropriately ignore and allow to stand; it has serious consequences. It leads to the possibility, perhaps even the inevitability, of wars, bigotry, oppression, and abuse. On the other hand, the teaching of universalism leads to equality, respect, love, and dignity for all.

Reverend Fristad is a United Methodist minister, a member of the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship, and author of the book, Destined for Salvation: God’s Promise to Save Everyone. After serving churches in Iowa for 27 years, in retirement, he travels the country speaking on Universalism.

5/6 11:00AM – TBA
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

5/13 11:00AM – Women Creating the Future of Peace
Colleen Mills
Can you feel the excitement of peace surging in the world? Do you believe that peace is not only possible, but necessary for the future of our world and our planet? Let’s open our hearts and minds to bring forth that power of peace as we create a world that works for all of humanity. Women and children have been rising up, speaking out, and are determined to be heard. Let’s all come together in the name of peace! Colleen Mills is the president of Citizens for Peace and serves on the board of the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.