First Unitarian-Universalist Church
April 23, 2017
“On Reinhold Niebuhr”
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* #131 Love Will Guide Us
#1021 Lean On Me

WELCOME
Matt Friedrichs, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #86 Blessed Spirit of My Life

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

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #163 For the Earth Forever Turning
Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today’s Music

Prelude: Run, Run from Scenas Infantis (1932) (for Two Pianos, Four Hands) Octavio Pinto
The garden is full of life. In the sunshine, children run about Gaily and noisily. Outside, on the street, the poor blind man with his hand-organ sings his sorrows.

Musical Meditation: Adagietto from Symphony #5
Gustav Mahler (1860-1911) arr. Noel Rawsthorne
This piece is regarded as Mahler’s most famous work, which was written in 1901-1902. This is probably a love song to his new wife, who he met in 1901 and married in 1902. It was used at the funeral mass of Robert Kennedy in 1968.

Offertory: Concerto in E Major op 8 no 1 (Spring) Antonio Vivaldi

Recessional: #301 Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky Grace Lewis-McLaren

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator
Julia Cuneo, Child Care Provider

Today’s Ushers: Mark Schweng Emma Velasquez
Today’s Greeters: Carolyn Lusch Aletha Oberdier
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; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are given by Al and Lencha Acker in thanks to our dear church family for all the kind words and deeds you have given us during Al’s recuperation.

TRAINING IN SOCIAL HALL: Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan will be training in the social hall from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM today. We'll use the Parlor for our coffee hour.

SHARE THE PLATE: Our Share the Plate guest recipient this Sunday is the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUME). It envisions a world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people. Its purpose is to inspire, facilitate, and support personal, congregational, and denominational practices that honor and sustain the Earth and all beings. It affirms and promotes the seven principles of the UUA, including: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Although the UU Ministry for Earth has close ties to the UUA, it is a separate not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization with an independent Board of Directors. It seems appropriate that UUME be the recipient in the same month that Earth Day, the march for science, and the march concerning climate change occurs.

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.

MOTHER’S DAY PEACE VIGIL: Women Walking Woodward for Peace invites you to a Mother’s Day Peace Vigil on Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 9am to 10am at UU Detroit. We will stand vigil for one hour then have a closing circle (10am-10:30am). Please contact Anita Jones (racedancer@hotmail.com) if you want to offer a prayer, poem or song. Immediately following the vigil, please join us for our regular Sunday service @ 11am, featuring Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez & Lydia Wylie-Kellerman.

REGIONAL UU PICNIC: It’s that time of year! Mark your calendars for our regional UU picnic, May 27th, 2017 from 11:30-2:30 on Belle Isle (at the Woodside Shelter, where we were last year). If you’d like to volunteer to bring food or set up, talk to Dessa. And please spread the word to your UU friend and family around Metro Detroit!

CANVASS COMMITTEE: Thank you, for your generous 2017-2018 pledges to the Church. Your pledges will allow us to go forward, with confidence, as we make many decisions in the future. If you have not pledged, please pick up a pledge form at the office or go online to print a copy of the pledge form. As a member of First UU all members are expected to make a pledge or contribution of record. We look forward to receiving your pledge form. If you have not pledged, please see Joan Smykowski or visit the church office to pick up your pledge form. The new pledge will start July 1, 2017. We will have an accurate final amount of pledges in the future. Once again, thank you!

APRIL VESPERS: April Vespers is cancelled: There will be no Poetry Vespers this Wednesday, April 26, in the church. We look forward to May Vespers.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY 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.”