

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *Way Over Yonder*
Carole King

Choir Anthem: *God Put a Smile Upon Your Face (2003)*
Coldplay (Guy Berryman, Jonny Buckland, Will Champion,
Chris Martin)

Musical Meditation: *Imagine*
John Lennon

Offertory: *Into White*
Cat Stevens

Recessional: *Anywhere Like Heaven*
James Taylor

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: Ruth Siefert Marsha Bruhn

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 29, 2018

"Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful"

The Reverend Kalen Fristad



*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* #205 *Amazing Grace*

#156 *Oh, Freedom*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Joel Batterman

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn*

#318 *We Would Be One*

Musical Interlude

Steven & Brian Curtin

DEEPENING

Invocation

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation

Reading #704

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

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 29, 2018

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Marylou Malone in loving memory of her parents, Andy and Edith Liebaert.

COFFEE HOUR: We'll be meeting in the Social Hall 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.

SUNDAY MAY 20 – ANNUAL MEETING: Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(A), the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit has been called for Sunday, May 20, 2018, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. The voting membership shall elect a President, Vice-President, delegates for General and Regional Assemblies, and a Nominating Committee, all to serve in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The voting membership shall also approve a budget for the next fiscal year, receive committee reports, and consider an amendment to the bylaws to change the quorum requirements for board meetings. More information will be provided in future emails, newsletters, orders of service, and pulpit announcements.

DETROIT REP THEATRE OUTING: I have 13 tickets and can get more for the play, *Harmony Park* at the Detroit Rep. It is about the friendship between a black landscaping foreman and a younger white landscaper is tested when a newly hired crew member's past is revealed. The tickets are for Sunday 2 p.m. May 20, 2018. We will be going to the Traffic Jam for dinner after the play. I will have the tickets at coffee hour for \$15 each and the church will receive \$5 for every ticket sold. You can also call or email me. Margaret Beck 313 882 7775 margretbeck@comcast.net. **Hope you can join us.**

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 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 – Faith and Humanism

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Our church is a community of believers and seekers of all kinds, religious and nonreligious. This sermon will explore some of the dimensions of religious humanism and expressions of humanism that help to bring full bloom to the understanding of who we are as individuals and society when we live most fully into our humanity.

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.

5/20 11:00AM – Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Throughout the world today, churches of the Christian traditions celebrate a singular holiday called Pentecost. This is the one date in the liturgical calendar that ministers wear red, there is a special interest in fire, and suddenly a lot of talk about the Holy Spirit. Why might Unitarian Universalists be especially connected to this Christian holiday?