Today’s Music

Prelude: Finlandia op 26 (1899-1900)  
Jean Sibelius  
This song is a statement of Finnish patriotism, written in the shadow of censorship from the Russian Empire. In the music, the tumultuous political struggle is contrasted with the calm, patriotic hymn.

Musical Meditation: Edelweiss from the Sound of Music  
Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II  
In context of today’s topic, this familiar song offers a fair amount of irony considering that the Edelweiss flower is white, grows on high mountains, and is illegal to pick as a protected species. However, in the Sound of Music, the edelweiss flower serves a metaphor for — and goodbye to — Austria, which was being annexed by the Nazis.

Offertory: Children Will Listen from “Into the Woods”  
Stephen Sondheim

Recessional: Gonna Build a Mountain from “Stop the Word, I Want to Get Off”  
Leslie Bricusse

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

Today’s Ushers: Dan Hale Jody Wise  
Today’s Greeters: Danny Rebb Jerry Williams

Hearing Assistance devices and Large Print Hymnals are available from any of our Greeters.

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May 7, 2017  
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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING  
Lighting of Candles  
Singing Together*  
#95 There is More Love Somewhere  
#1022 Open the Window

WELCOME  
Sherry A. Wells, Worship Leader

CENTERING  
Prelude  
Calling to Worship  
Kindling the Flame  
Opening Hymn*  
#186 Grieve Not Your Heart

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

RETURNING  
Offering  
Closing Hymn*  
#323 Break Not the Circle

Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation  
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are given by Linda Darga in memory of Gene Perrin, who lived his life with love, peace, and justice.

GOING FORWARD!: Thank you to all the pledgers who are committed to financially supporting UU Detroit as we Go Forward! If you have not been able to get your pledge form in, please see Joan Smykowski or visit the church office. Your new pledge will start July 1, 2017. We hope to have an accurate final amount of pledges to report at our May 21st annual meeting. Once again, thank you!

MOTHER’S DAY PEACE VIGIL — MAY 14th: 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.

INTRO TO UU — MAY 14th: Are you new to UU Detroit, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The “Intro to UU” class offers introductory information on what the Church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: One is to share information on the Unitarian Universalist tradition as a whole, and the other is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of UU Detroit. Please do attend! We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us! Classes are scheduled quarterly after church and the next one is May 14th. Membership Chair, Dessa Cosma, will be happy to talk to you to provide more information.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — May 21st: Our annual congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 21, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. We will vote on elected positions and hear reports.

REGIONAL UU PICNIC — MAY 27th: Mark your calendars for our regional UU picnic, May 27, 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 or sign up at http://www.1stuu.org/Features/SpringPicnic.php. And please spread the word to your UU friend and family around Metro Detroit!

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY: 11:00 AM — “On White Supremacy”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
In response to recent events in the life of the national denomination of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our church will talk about the issues of white supremacy within the church and denomination settings. We will join a movement of over 500 American UUA churches that plan to address this topic in a two-week period.

May 14: 11:00 AM — “Mothering Peace”
Speakers: Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez, and Lydia Wylie-Kellerman
Three local mothers, a writer, an artist and a radical disciple; all activists. They will share their individual musings on what it means, what it looks like, and what it takes to model peace in this world.

May 21: 11:00 AM — “The Baltimore Sermon”
Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the most important moments in the development of Unitarian Universalist history was William Ellery Channing’s "Baltimore Sermon," which gave a powerful defense of Unitarian thought and practice, in opposition to the rising Christian orthodoxy of his day. We will explore this definitive moment in UUA history. Unlike Channing’s "Baltimore sermon," this one will not be an hour and a half long.