

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

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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**.

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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 7, 2017

"On White Supremacy"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



*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*

#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
Message

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

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn*
Recessional

#323 *Break Not the Circle*

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

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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.

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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.