Today's Music

- Prelude: Be Our Guest from "Beauty and the Beast" music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ahsman
- Musical Meditation: There's a Place for Us from "West Side Story" music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
 - Offertory: I Am What I Am from "La Cage Aux Folles" Jerry Herman

Recessional: It's Raining Men Paul Shaffer and Paul Jabara

Sunday Sermons

5/19, TODAY, 11:00AM - "Hospitality and Welcome"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister Two days before this service, the world will commemorate The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. This is a day to raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide. As we seek to become an ever more welcoming church, I want to discuss the very concept of hospitality and what we might do to become increasingly welcome to our LGBT neighbors and friends.

5/26 11:00AM - "On Service and Memory"

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This weekend is Memorial Day Weekend, the traditional entry point to the summer vacation season in the United States, but far more importantly, our federal holiday for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Today, we will explore what service to this country means, both in the military and otherwise, and how we might honor all of those who have served our country.

May 19, 2019 "Hospitality and Welcome"

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ENTERING	Order of Service
Lighting of Candles Singing Together*	#1020 Woyaya #407 We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table
WELCOME	Michelle Peters, Worship Leader
CENTERING Prelude Calling to Worship Kindling the Flame Dedication Ceremony (Children Leave) Opening Hymn*	#170 We Are a Gentle Angry People
DEEPENING Silent Meditation Invocation Musical Meditation Reading Response Message	#123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)
RETURNING Offering Closing Hymn*	#1014 Answering the Call of Love (see notes)
Recessional	
Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation.	
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FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Joan Smykowski to celebrate Gabriel Weidner's dedication ceremony.

TODAY'S GREETERS: Anarosa Mendoza-King and Carmen Malis King are UU's greeters this morning.

<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>: Join us in the Social Hall just after the service for the coffee, cookies, and conversation. **Everyone is welcome.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. Today, we welcome 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!

RIDE SHARES TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY: If you or someone you know could use a ride to church on Sunday, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office @ 313-833-9107 or email office@1stuu.org.

ANNUAL PLEDGE: You can make your annual pledge via email to <u>canvasschair@1stuu.org</u>. For more information, see <u>http://1stuu.org</u>: *Giving / Finance*.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 19TH: Pursuant to the Congregation's Bylaws, the annual meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit will be held today at 12:30pm in the Social Hall, and then it will be adjourned until June 2, also at 12:30pm in the Social Hall. Today's meeting will elect the UU General Assembly delegates. At the resumed meeting in June, the agenda will include an update on Congregation events, the election of new Board members and officers, approving the budget, receiving committee reports, and electing next year's nominating committee.

<u>POETRY VESPERS</u>: Vespers will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at Henry Ford Village, in the library at 6:00PM. Contact Dan Secrest for more details (dansecrest@1stUU.org).

ORDER OF SERVICE COVERS: We want to remind you to PLEASE PUT YOUR OOS COVER IN THE BOX ON THE RADIATOR AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY!

WELCOMING CONGREGATION RENEWAL: To more fully live out our mission to love courageously, the Board of Trustees recently voted to restart our Welcoming Congregation (WC) committee. This group will regularly examine our practices to make sure that we continue extending radical hospitality to the LGBTQ folks among us. The UUA has issued new guidelines for its WC program, which will be a foundation for this work.

If you're interested in or curious about the group, see Martha Bogner after the service and (brief) congregational meeting **this Sunday**, **May 19.** She will have brochures from the UUA and other information available.

Because all of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.

NOTE:

<u>"Standing on the Side of Love" has been changed to</u> <u>"Answering the Call of Love"</u>

The phrase "Standing on the Side of Love" originated in a 2004 phone conversation between Bill Sinkford, then the president of the UUA, and a news reporter. The reporter asked how the UUA would respond to the marriage controversy in the Massachusetts courts, and Bill responded that "UUism would stand on the side of love." As it happened, composer and UU minister Jason Shelton was sitting in Bill's office when the call came, and the phrase immediately became a song. It did not take long for members of the community to question why we had to "stand on the side of love" when many of them actually rolled. As a result, Jason changed the title and lyrics, although nothing could be done about the many versions already published. The debate between literal and metaphorical standing will continue, but it seems that the literal meaning has real benefits when it can be utilized. Another song says: "There is more love somewhere.": This is probably one of those places.