First Unitarian-Universalist Church
May 20, 2018
“On Pentecost”
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*  #171 N’Kosi SikeleI’ai Afrika
#1024 When the Spirit Says Do

WELCOME  Worship Leader, Sharon Mills

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*  #271 Come Down, O Love Divine
Choir Anthem  1st UU Detroit Choir

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

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn*  #1028 The Fire of Commitment
Recessional

Liberate Truth – Radiate Kindness – Love Courageously

Today’s Music

Prelude:  What Wondrous Love is This?
American Folk Hymn/ arr. Jim Lucas

Choir Anthem:  There is a Balm in Gilead

Musical Meditation:  Jesus Loves me/ Clair de Lune
William Bradbury and Claude Debussy/ arr. Fred Bock

Offertory:  Variations on Kum Ba Ya
Philip Jones

Recessional:  Every Time I Feel the Spirit
African American Spiritual

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.
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are donated by Linda Darga in memory of Gene Perrin.

COFFEE HOUR: We’ll be meeting in the Parlor 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” today 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!

NEEDED: A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS: We need one or two people stepping up to help with child care during the service. We have recently lost some of our volunteers due to a variety of reasons, so we need to replace them. Please contact Richard Hillier or Sally Borden if you can help. Thanks!

SUNDAY MAY 20 – ANNUAL MEETING: The Extreme Energy Conference will be held in the Social Hall today, so our annual meeting will be at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary instead. Since coffee hour will be in the Parlor, please look around and offer to fetch coffee for our members who would find it difficult to travel to the Parlor and return immediately to the Sanctuary. And don’t be shy to ask for assistance, either!

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(A), the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit 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. Copies of the Annual Report are available on request.

DETROIT REP THEATRE OUTING: I have tickets for the play, Harmony Park at the Detroit Rep, today at 2:00PM. We will be going to the Traffic Jam for dinner after the play. For tickets, see me at coffee hour; they are $15 each, and the church will receive $5 for every ticket sold. Hope you can join us.

MAY VESPERS features long time church member, Sally Borden, who will read her original poetry and a story with a touch of humor and rock ‘n roll music. Join us in the library of the Henry Ford Village this coming Wednesday, from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The Village is located at 15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI. For more information, call Lencha Acker at 313-406-6075.

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 at office@1stuu.org.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 5/20 11:00AM – On 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?

5/27 11:00AM – Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win

Yusef Bunchy Shakur, Guest Speaker
He speaks of his journey of redemption, hope, triumph, and transformation from Zone-8-gang-life to father, freedom fighter, community activist and grass-roots advocate. Yusef Bunchy Shakur is well versed in the language and syntax of Detroit; an author and educator, he interprets the language of the city’s majority Black population--from its pain and anger to its hope through his experience of transformation. He offers sage advice to help re-spirit and re-build a broken community plagued from social decay through his efforts as a local and national organizer. He currently serves as Co-Director of Programs with the Michigan Roundtable.