

### Today's Music

Today we welcome guest musician Xiao Dong Wei. She is playing the erhu, or Chinese violin. Xiao Dong Wei began studying erhu with her father at the age of 5. She was accepted to the Central Conservatory of Music in 1980, studying under Professors Zhang Shao, Feng Zihao and Mr. Zhang Yuming. She has won numerous awards and competitions and has performed throughout China (while working as a member of the China Motion Picture Orchestra), Japan and the USA. This is Xiao's second visit to 1st UU Church, having performed in September of 2014.

**Prelude:** *Candle Dance* — Liu Tian Hua (1895-1932)

**Choir Anthem:** *Live Your Dream* — words by Rumi, Lao-Tzu, and Henry David-Thoreau, music by Greg Gilpin

**Musical Meditation:** *Moonlight Night* — Liu Tian Hua (1895-1932)

**Offertory:** *Poem of Spring* — YiLiang Zhong

**Recessional:** *Faith is a Forest* (#194) — Traditional Chinese folk song

\*\*Words by William Channing Gannett (1840-1923) Sadly, our hymnals do not include any songs that memorialize the words of William Ellery Channing, but the story of William Channing Gannett is interesting to acknowledge on this day. Gannett was named after and christened by Rev. William Ellery Channing (1780-1842). Gannett's father, Ezra Stiles Gannett, was a founder of the American Unitarian Association and one of W.E. Channings associates. The younger W.C. Gannett never met his godfather, W.E. Channing, who died when he was two, but Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Theodore Parker were major inspirations to him. William Channing Gannett became a minister himself, and a strong supporter of the rights of women and African Americans, a prolific hymn-writer, and a champion of nonsectarian religion.

### 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:** Mark Schwing      Danny Rebb

**Today's Greeters:** Aletha Oberdier      Joan Smykowski

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

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Alexis, at [info@1stuu.org](mailto:info@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 21, 2017

### "The Baltimore Sermon"

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray*

**First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for  
spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit**



*Liberate Truth ~  
Radiate Kindness ~  
Love Courageously*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together\*

#116 *I'm on My Way*

#1005 *Praise in Springtime\*\**

#### WELCOME

Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\*

#40 *The Morning Hangs a Signal\*\**

Choir Anthem

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Response

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

Message

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\*

#187 *It Sounds Along the Ages\*\**

Recessional

\*\*See Today's Music

*Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation*

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Announcements and Events – May 21, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are given by **Kathe Stevens** to honor our 5th Principle at the occasion of our annual congregational meeting: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."

**TODAY: SHARE THE PLATE:** Our Share the Plate guest recipient this Sunday is scholarships for People of Color and Indigenous Persons to attend this year's General Assembly. This is especially timely because of the issues raised last month with UUA hiring practices and related controversies.

This is a historic time in our faith and we are inviting you to be part of it.

Too often, the voices and experiences of people of color and indigenous (POCI) persons are devalued as part of our social norms. And this is not just true outside our congregations. POCI voices have routinely been marginalized within Unitarian Universalism. What this means is ongoing limitations on access, agency, and physical representation within our faith.

The high costs associated with General Assembly participation are part of this sad trend. Your contributions will help support Black UUs and other Unitarian Universalists of color who need financial support to attend General Assembly in New Orleans this June.

The rules for the Share the Plate Sunday are as follows:

Any funds received during the offertory that have no designation will be split 50/50 between our guest recipient and the church. Please mark in the memo area of your check or on the envelope as to how you want your donation to be allocated.

**REGIONAL UU PICNIC – MAY 27<sup>th</sup>:** 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!

## Announcements and Events – May 21, 2017

**TODAY: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Our annual congregational meeting is called for today at 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. Coffee hour is in the Parlor today so we'll have to return to the Sanctuary for our meeting. We'll start the meeting promptly at 12:30 so please make your way back before then. Thank you for your patience as we do the business of our church.

If you are mobility-challenged please reach out to a fellow church member to bring you refreshments – someone will be glad to help. We're a faith community and we want to ensure that all can participate in our right to a democratic process.

**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. Once again, thank you!

### Sunday Sermons and Events

**TODAY: 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.

**May 28: 11:00 AM – "The Serenity Prayer"**

**Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Following up on last month's sermon on Reinhold Niebuhr's 13 years as a pastor in Detroit, this month we will examine one of the ways that mainstream culture often examines him, as the author of "The Serenity Prayer," which has been taken on as an important element of Alcoholics Anonymous and other recovery group meetings.