

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

May 29, 2016

"Memorial Day Blues"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness ~ Love
Courageously

Today's Music

Welcome back as our guest musician, Hannah!

- Prelude:** *Good Morning Blues*
Count Basie
- Musical Meditation:** *Turn, Turn, Turn*
Pete Seeger
- Offertory:** *Blues Out*
Hannah Waterstone
- Recessional:** *Nice Work If You Can Get It*
George Gershwin

**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 #412 *Let Hope and Sorrow Unite*
#96 *I Cannot Think of them as Dead*
#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

WELCOME

Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #107 *Now Sing We of the Brave of Old*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #142 *Let There Be Light*

Benediction

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator

Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Anita Jones Danny Rebb
Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Chloe Lundine

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our
ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the 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.

Announcements and Events – May 29, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Adam and John Dembinski in loving memory of Denise Gallup.

Intro to UU of Detroit: June 5, 2016, 12:30 pm – Finding your spiritual home can be challenging. Learn more about UUs in Detroit and in the world. We will be meeting in the church narthex. It's guaranteed to be low pressure.

Membership Committee Meeting: June 8, 2016, 6:00 pm – We will be meeting near the Church office.

Membership Book Signing: June 12, 2016, After the Service – If you are interested in becoming a member, please let Regina Weiss know at regina.a.weiss@gmail.com.

Juneteenth Book Discussion:

On Juneteenth Sunday, June 19, after service, the Social Justice Committee will host a discussion of *Between the World and Me*, a meditation on race in America by Ta-Nehisi Coates, who Toni Morrison has called the James Baldwin of his generation. The book is available from local libraries, and also at a 10% discount from Source Booksellers on Cass at Canfield. We hope you can join us!

General Assembly, June 22-26

UU Detroit will have great representation at our national annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, this year. Because our church census is now over 100, we're entitled to three delegates at regional and national assemblies. Our delegates for 2016 General Assembly are Robert Johnson, Danny Rebb, and Kathe Stevens. There are quite a few other UU Detroiters who are attending. If you want to do some informal planning for GA, let's meet in coffee hour on June 5 and 12 — just get up, ring the bell, and make an announcement!

Committee Fair: July 10, 2016, 12:30 pm

Committees are a great way to meet new people, share your skills and develop new interests. Committee chairs and leaders are encouraged to have a fun, interactive display to promote your group. Members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Sermons and Events

One-On-One— TODAY, After the Service

As a result of our phenomenal growth as a congregation, we have a record number of new members. Let's all get to know each other, at our first One-On-One, on today, May 29, 2016 at 12:30 pm.

6/5 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Prejudice and Difference"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
One of the ways that we often fail as individuals and as a society is by adhering to prejudices, some of which we are conscious of, and others that live insidiously deep. Today, we will talk about how we address those issues and how to confront the biases that we hold.

6/12 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Moral Imagination"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
A favorite way to teach ethics is through the subject of "moral imagination," by which one studies literary characters in order to come to understand the dynamics of the choices made by the characters. Stepping out of your own shoes and into the shoes of another can promote understanding and empathy.

6/26 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Breaking Good"

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Two years ago, one of television's most popular shows, *Breaking Bad*, went off the air. Its central character, Walter White, on a descent into evil, is a fascinating study of human ambition and self-delusion over the course of its five seasons. We will examine what *Breaking Bad* might teach us about how to live well in a world that sometimes pulls us toward the worst sides of our natures.