

Today's Music

Prelude: *Take the A Train (1941)*
Billy Strayhorn

Choir Anthem: *There is a Season*
Words based on Ecclesiastes 3, music by Greg Gilpin

Musical Meditation: *Steal Away*
African-American Spiritual

Offertory: *Wade in the Waddah op 41. No 4b*
Spiritual/ arr. William Farley Smith (1941-1997)

Recessional: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
African American Spiritual

***Follow the Drinking Gourd-** There is some skepticism about how literal the coded messages are in the songs associated with the Underground Railroad, but the message in *Follow the Drinking Gourd* is very specific. A story that is traced from records of the Anti-Slavery Society, recounted by H. B Parks from his great uncle, and published in a 1934 book tells of a sailor named Peg Leg Joe. Peg Leg helped slaves travel north from Mobile, Alabama along the Tombigbee River then down the Ohio River. He traveled ahead of the escapees, leaving a distinctive pattern of a left footprint and right peg hole in charcoal and mud for them to follow.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, *Minister*

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Nancy Shattuck, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

Today's Greeters: Toni Tront Jody Wise

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.

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June 17, 2018

"How the Underground Railroad Changed America"

Evelyn Millstein, Guest Speaker

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* #156 *Oh, Freedom*
#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Jody Wise

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #152 *Follow the Drinking Gourd**
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* #210 *Wade in the Water*
Recessional

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

Announcements and Events – June 17, 2018

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Martha Bogner. For Juneteenth, let's remember all the work that's been done and all that we've yet to do.

POTLUCK SUNDAY: We'll be meeting in the Social Hall immediately after the service for the Sunday Potluck. Everyone is invited!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. Today, Sally Borden is at the "Visitors' Table" and 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!**

CARE COMMITTEE THANK YOU. Many thanks to Edie and Bill McKnight for supplying all the stamps for the birthday, get well and sympathy cards we mail out weekly. Also, thanks to all those who have donated cards over the months, especially Roger Zeigler and Nancy Owen Nelson for buying many of these cards.

ORDER OF SERVICE CHANGES: Starting next week, your Order of Service will look a little different. We're introducing a cover sheet that will have information about our church that doesn't change; it will be reused each week. The weekly content that does change – sermon topics, music, etc. - will be an insert, which will be recycled following our usual practice. We look forward to your comments!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS: Just a few blocks away, Sam Dhaifullah works at La Palma (Mediterranean restaurant). He has reached out and wants to share his story. Worship and Social Justice invite you to a talk with Q&A after church TODAY. Sam has promised to bring along some food to share!

BOARD MEETING: The First UU Detroit Board will meet today in the Parlor at 12:30PM.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 6/17 11:00AM -- How the Underground Railroad Changed America

Evelyn Millstein, Guest Speaker

In honor of Juneteenth, Evelyn Millstein will speak on The Underground Railroad as one of the most remarkable movements in American history. It was the first and only bi-racial movement led by African Americans. It was also the greatest mass civil disobedience movement America ever experienced. It began with the passage of the U.S. Constitution in 1778 and continued non-stop for over 70 years until 1861, when the Civil War began; the Underground Railroad in the South became a military branch of the Union army and thus helped end slavery.

Evelyn Millstein is a librarian with two master's degrees, one in Library Science and one in Health Care Delivery Systems. She has studied African American history for 70 years. *The Underground Railroad: A Movement That Changed America* is her first published book. After retirement Millstein embarked on a second career as a part-time librarian in Michigan's Eastpointe Memorial Library, and she sought to rectify the lack of attention to African American history aside from Black History Month by studying the impact of thousands of slaves who fled the South. *The Underground Railroad* was written since 2012 as a labor of love by a woman who has dedicated her life to promoting the truth that African American history is an essential part of American history.

Millstein will offer her books for sale after the service.

6/24 11:00AM – The Longest Day

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Close on the heels of the Summer Solstice, I will explore how this observance has affected religion and culture. The Summer Solstice is a pre-Christian holiday and has been celebrated throughout Europe and many parts of the world, a moment of the annual cycle since Neolithic times.