

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Here Comes the Sun* — George Harrison

**Musical Meditation:** *Sun King*— John Lennon and Paul McCartney

**Offertory:** *Aquarius/ Let the Sun Shine In* — Galt MacDermot

**Recessional:** *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden #1067* — Amanda Udis-Kessler

### 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:** Danny Rebb      Emma Velazquez

**Today's Greeters:** Maysel Brooks      Ruth Seifert

**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*

June 25, 2017

*"Hail to the Sun God! (He is a fun God)"*

*Amber K and Azrael Arynn K*



*Liberate Truth ~  
Radiate Kindness ~  
Love Courageously*

**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\*

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

*Isis Astarte Variation (see insert)*

#### WELCOME

Sally Borden, Worship Leader

#### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\*

*We All Come from the Sun God (see insert)*

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Response

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

Message

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\*

*Circles (see insert)*

Recessional

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

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

## Announcements and Events – June 25, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are given by Lencha & Al Acker.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Today we'll enjoy our coffee, cookies and conversation in the Social Hall. Please join us.

**VESPERS:** The June Vespers has been cancelled for Wednesday, June 28, 2017. There will no poetry at 6:00 pm., in the parlor.

**FAREWELL AND WELCOME:** Today is Alexis Mitchell's last day at UU Detroit; she leaves us to pursue her Master's degree in Social Work. Good luck, Alexis! Please welcome Nancy Shattuck to our church home. Nancy retired from a career in software engineering, coupled with a teaching background, in order to pursue her writing career. She'll be busy today training with Alexis but we promise to introduce Nancy next week.

**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!

**SAVE A DIFFERENT DATE!** We'd asked you to save September 9 for the installation of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray as our settled minister. The date has changed to Saturday, September 23, 2017. The time is still 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon in the social hall. Invitations will be mailed to members and friends as the date approaches.

## Sunday Sermons and Events

**TODAY 6/25: 11:00 AM — “Hail to the Sun God! (He is a fun God)”**  
**Speakers:** Amber K and Azrael Arynn K

Amber K and Azrael Arynn K are Wiccan priestesses from New Mexico.

**7/2: 11:00 AM — “Ordinary Time”**  
**Speaker:** Jessica Joslin

Ordinary Time is the name for the period on the Christian liturgical calendar between Pentecost and Advent, and it starts up again between Epiphany and Lent. It is longer than any other portion of the Christian calendar, but doesn't nearly get as much attention as the festivity of the Christmas and Easter seasons. Yet, after the exciting fires of Pentecost and the joy of Epiphany, what are we to do with all this ordinary time? What exactly makes time ordinary?

**Short bio:** Jessica Joslin is approved for ordination in the United Church of Christ and is currently a PhD candidate in Education at Michigan. She studies the role of religion in university life.

**7/9: 11:00 AM — “Reparations: A Love Story”**  
**Speakers:** Anita Belle

Anita Belle is a Detroiter. She practiced law-suing the CIA for the drugs in black communities-and substitute teaches. She focuses her volunteer efforts on fighting for people of African descent to receive reparations, not only for slavery, and founded the Reparations Labor Union in 2013. She is a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and auntie.

**7/16: 11:00 AM — “Poverty Sucks”**  
**Speakers:** Sherry A. Wells

Congregation member Sherry A. Wells considers herself a welfare expert—she'd been a recipient, a caseworker, and she's a taxpayer!

**7/23: 11:00 AM — “Detroit Today”**  
**Speakers:** Stephen Henderson

Stephen Henderson is a Detroit journalist who writes for the Free Press and hosts a program, “Detroit Today,” on WDET Public Radio station. His journalism has been called “fact-based, fair and compelling,” with “authentic Detroit point of view and integrity.”

## Circles

In days gone by, when the world was much younger,  
We wondered at Spring, born of winter's cold night;  
Marveled at the glory of the moon and the sunrise,  
We saw then the Lady and Lord of all light.

Chorus:

*And around and around and around turns  
the good earth.*

*All things must change as the seasons go by.  
We are the children of the Lord and the Lady  
Whose mysteries we learn from the earth and the sky.*

In all lands the people were tied to the good earth  
Plowing and sowing as the seasons declared.  
Waiting to reap of the rich golden harvest,  
Knowing Her love in the joys that they shared.

Chorus...

Through Flanders and Wales and the green hills  
of Ireland,  
In the Kingdoms of England and Scotland and Spain,  
Circles grew up all along the wild coastline,  
We worked for the land with the sun and the rain.

Chorus...

Circles for healing and working the weather,  
Circles for knowing the moon and the sun,  
Circles for thanking the Lord and the Lady,  
Circles for dancing the dance never done.

Chorus...

And we who reach for the stars in the heavens,  
Turning our eyes from the meadows and groves  
Still live in the love of the Lord and the Lady.  
The greater the circle, the more the love grows.

Chorus...



### Isis Astarte Variation

"Amaterasu, Arinna Helios,  
Apollo Sekhmet, Akewa!"

### We All Come from the Sun God

Like a tongue of flame  
Reaching to the sky above,  
We all come from the Sun God  
And to Him we shall return.

Verses 1-4, 1<sup>st</sup> 3 lines of chorus by  
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