Today’s Music

Prelude:  Joyful, Joyful
Ludwig van Beethoven/ Christina Harmon

Musical Meditation:  Busca el Amor #1004
Salvador Cardenal Barquero

Offertory:  I am a Promise
Gloria and William Gaither

Recessional:  Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*
From Monty Python’s Spaman, Eric Idle

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
July 23, 2017
“Emptying the Laughing Barrel”
Casey Rocheteau

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*  #29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
                      #1024 When the Spirit Says Do

WELCOME  Worship Leader, Matt Friedrichs

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn*  #1051 We are . . .

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

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn*  #1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
Recessional

Congregation may exit to McCollester Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are given by Kathe Stevens for Happy birthday month to my son, Andy Brock, and my daughter, Julie Brock - both raised here at UU Detroit and still thanking me for it.

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

GOING FORWARD: Just a quick reminder: the new offering levels started July 1, 2018. The Board, staff, and volunteers thank you for your new offering levels. Summer is a busy time, but we still have bills to pay at the Church. If you are enjoying your summer and won’t be with us on Sunday you may:

1. Pay your offering on-line at www.1stuu.org, or
2. Increase your offering when you are here.

Thank you, and Let’s continue to go forward!

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.

TODAY 7/23: 11:00 AM — “Emptying the Laughing Barrel”
Speaker: Casey Rocheteau
Life can be brutal, cruel, and confounding, and the only way we can get through it is to hold tightly to our joy. Laughter is sometimes the only weapon we have in the face of oppression, grief, and trauma. This talk will include stories and poems about ancestors, elders, moving from the east coast to Detroit, and finding the joy in hard moments.

Bio:
Casey Rocheteau was raised as a sea witch on Cape Cod. “They” are an author, visual/sound artist, and historian living in Detroit, Michigan. Winner of inaugural Write-A-House permanent residency in 2014, Rocheteau won a house with poems and is committed to a community and teaching-based arts practice here.

7/30: 11:00 AM — “Postdenominational Religion”
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
The purpose and value of denominations has shifted and changed over the past century. In some ways, the Unitarian Universalist Association exists as a post-denominational entity, despite its origins in the Unitarian and Universalist movements. We will examine how denominations came to be, what their current purpose is, and why people continue to adhere to them today.