

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 Spamalot, Eric Idle

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Nancy Shattuck, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Acting Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

Today's Ushers: Danny Rebb Emma Velasquez

Today's Greeters: Paul Chislett Maysel Brooks

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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

July 23, 2017

"Emptying the Laughing Barrel"

Casey Rocheteau



*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* #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)

Announcements and Events – July 23, 2017

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.

Sunday Sermons and Events

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.