

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *Canon in D*
Johann Pachelbel

Musical Meditation: *Andante from Sonata in C, K 545*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Offertory: *The Waterfall*
H. Waterstone

Recessional: *The Harmonious Blacksmith*
George Friderik Handel

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, *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: Carmen M. King 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 30, 2017

"Postdenominational Religion"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



*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* #347 *Gather the Spirit*
#1021 *Lean on Me*

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Sharon Mills

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #193 *Our Faith is but a Single Gem*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #113 *Where is Our Holy Church*

Recessional

Congregation may exit to McColleston Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events — July 30, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are given by Dan and Lilly Secrest in honor of their parents.

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: 7/30: 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.

8/6: 11:00 AM – Liberty vs. Freedom

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

One of the promises of the American tradition is liberty and justice for all. However, our current culture seems to have shifted our understanding of liberty to be more about freedom. This sermon will explore the keen differences between these two concepts and how they affect our lives in this country.

8/13: 11:00 AM – On Genealogy

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In my family, my grandmother was interested in our genealogy and studied it assiduously. More recently, my father took on the task and started employing more modern techniques. How much is who we are determined but from whence we came?

8/20: 11:00 AM – Humanism and Religions

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

While many think of humanism as being a rejection of religion, more recently there have been strong appeals for humanism to be more closely aligned with and in dialogue with religious traditions.

8/27: 11:00 AM – A Song Sermon

Julie Beutel

Singer, song-leader, guitarist, teacher, activist & mother Julie Beutel is a native of the city of Detroit. She spent her post-childhood-pre-motherhood years studying, traveling, working and living in several countries in Europe and Central America, working with Witness for Peace in Nicaragua during the war for almost 2 years. Her motherhood years she has spent mainly in southwest Detroit raising her kids, teaching music to children and singing.