First Unitarian-Universalist Church
August 21, 2016
“The Gospel of Bruce”
Joel Batterman

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* #95 There is More Love Somewhere
#1017 We Are Building a New Way
#163 For the Earth Forever Turning

WELCOME
Sally Borden, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1058 Be Ours a Religion
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #586 The Idea of Democracy [see insert]
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #1024 When the Spirit Says Do
Benediction
Congregation may exit to McCollester Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(*) indicates times to stand in body or spirit

Today’s Music
Special Thanks to Steve Curtin for providing bass, guitar and drum machine for this service. Steve is a new member of UU Detroit church.

Prelude: Born in the U.S.A.
Bruce Springsteen

Musical Meditation: Streets of Philadelphia
Bruce Springsteen

Choir Anthem: Sixteen Candles
Luther Dixon and Allyson R. Khent

Offertory: Dancing in the Dark
Bruce Springsteen

Recessional: Lean On Me #1021
Bill Withers

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today’s Ushers: Bill McKnight Edie McKnight
Today’s Greeters: Aletha Oberdier Chloe Lundine

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.
Large Print Hymnals are available from the Greeters.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
Announcements and Events – August 21, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations
Today's flowers are given by Rhonda Rodgers in honor of her mother, LaJune Rodgers, on the anniversary of her birthday.

Today's Coffee Hour
The Center for Progressive Leadership will be holding a training session in the Social Hall today. Please plan to enjoy coffee and conversation in the Parlor

August 24th Vespers
Your Vesperator needs to hear from you. Please contact me by August 15th at 313 393-8544 or ackera@hotmail.com with a favorite poem you would like to include. Also let me know if you prefer to read it or have me read it. I’ll choose some music and we’ll all meet at 6pm in the parlor to enjoy a respite in the midst of our busy weeks. Hoping this idea works with your help. - Al Acker

Congregational Planning Retreat
Dear UU Detroit Church Members, you are invited to participate in the second annual congregational planning retreat to be held on Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 am to noon. All church members are encouraged to attend. We will take this time together to reflect on our accomplishments and challenges over the past year and look forward to our 2017 needs. You will be able to help select our final goals and create the objectives and actions step to achieve the goals. SAVE THE DATE and look for more information coming soon. As members of UU Detroit, your input is vital to develop a successful plan for 2017.

Sunday Sermons and Events

8/28 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Detroit Musings, 'Scrap Metal Mantra': a Love Song to Detroit”
Speaker: Ken Meisel
Ken Meisel is a poet and psychologist from Detroit, a Kresge Arts fellow and Pushcart nominee. He will read from his poetry, which has been called a "poetic homage" to the working class, "tinged with mortality and transience, giving it an anguished intensity."

9/4 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “End of Summer.”
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
Labor Day: Growing up in Delaware, a state that lives and breathes on the rhythms of the beach season, the Labor Day weekend was the official end of summer. Children return to school, young adults head off to college, and churches often set the Sunday after Labor Day as the "start" of the year, a strange phenomenon for an institution that meets year round. Today, we will spend time thinking about what the end of summer means for people of faith and social justice.
Reading: #586, “The Idea of Democracy”

As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden onto the shoulders of others is the great, durable, curse of the race.

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.

This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Our reliance is in our love for liberty; our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all people in all lands everywhere.

Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and cannot long retain it.

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

~Abraham Lincoln