

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *Little Green* by Joni Mitchell

Musical Meditation: *Vincent* by Don McLean

Offertory: *Blossom* by James Taylor

Recessional: *Easy to Be Hard* by Galt MacDermot

Sing along: *Stand Up Now and Clap*
Anita "Ruby" Jones

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: Sharlene Gage Ruby Jones

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; email the church secretary, Nancy, at officeadmin@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

August 27, 2017

"A Song Sermon: Holding Each Other Up

Julie Beutel



*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* #30 *Over My Head*

Stand Up Now & Clap (see insert)

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Marilyn Mitchell

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #108 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #346 *Come Sing a Song With Me*

Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events — August 27, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are given by Sharlene Gage.

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

REV. MURRAY'S INSTALLATION: Saturday, September 23, 2017, 11:30AM in the sanctuary of First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, we will install the Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray as our settled minister. Ceremony followed by a luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Membership Committee will have a visitors' table during coffee hour to welcome anyone who would like to know more about this church and our congregation! PLEASE STOP BY; WE'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER!

SINGING OPPORTUNITY BEGINS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 10!
The 1st UU Choir is currently taking the summer off, and will start up with regular rehearsals after Labor Day, on Sunday September 10. Anyone interested in singing is welcomed to join us. Regular rehearsals are in the Church Sanctuary at 9:00-10:30, typically on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. The choir performs music to complement the diverse services at 1st UU church, while dabbling in music theory, vocal technique, and clapping. For more information, feel free to contact your music director, Todd Ballou, at musicdirector@1stuu.org

FOR THOSE ATTENDING VESPERS: There is a parking ban effective Monday, August 28 @ 7 am through Thursday, August 31 @ 8 pm. The Prentis lot can be accessed from the street south of Prentis. Just watch out for the gravel pit in the alley--if room, go around the pole to the left.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY: 8/27: 11:00 AM – A Song Sermon: Holding Each Other Up
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 in Southwest Detroit, and singing. She has also washed uncountable mounds of dishes.

9/3: 11:00 AM - Working for a Greater Good
Valerie Ackerman

Typically, in a city like Detroit, a celebration of Labor Day evokes hard hats and assembly lines, but when I was a member of the UAW, I worked in a public school for emotionally impaired children in Inkster. Traditional concepts of "labor" have changed as off-shoring and mechanization advance, but what about all the other ways we work? Are these labors of love and necessity worthy of celebrating too? I think so.

The Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman was ordained by First UU Detroit in 1998 after completing an internship here with The Rev. Larry Hutchison. Ministry was a second career for Valerie following a career in social work. She has degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Michigan, and Meadville Lombard Theological School. She has served UU congregations in MI, OH, IL, PA, OK, TX, KS, AR, VT, & NY. Valerie and her spouse Bill have a daughter in hospitality management in TN, a son in medical residency in Detroit, and two granddaughters ages 20 and 2. Now retired from ministry, Valerie lives in Peoria, IL with her spouse, two dogs and a sailboat that is itching for a dock somewhere near big water.

9/10: 11:00 AM - More Inter-Religious, Increasingly Secular
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

This summer, I was scheduled to lead a workshop at the UU General Assembly which would explore how we are, as a nation, both more inter-religious and increasingly secular concurrently. I will offer a sermon-sized examination of this topic.

STAND UP NOW AND CLAP
BY ANITA "RUBY" JONES

Stand now and clap (3X)
Clap along? Clap along?

Sing a song with me (3X)
Oh Yeah, yeah! Oh yeah, yeah!

We can change the world (3X)
With our song! With our song!

Everybody clap (3X)
Clap along! Clap along!