

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Psalm 19*  
Benedetto Marcello

**Musical Meditation:** *Ambient Meditation*  
Steven Curtin

**Offertory:** *Variations on Kum Bah Ya*  
Philip Jones

**Recessional:** *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky*  
Grace Lewis McLaren

### 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      Ruth Seifert

**Today's Greeters:** Joan Smykowski      Carolyn Ludwig

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

Please visit us at [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org); email the church secretary, Nancy, at [officeadmin@1stuu.org](mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org); or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

## *First Unitarian-Universalist Church*

September 3, 2017

*"Working for a Greater Good"*

Valerie Ackerman



*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\* #182 *O, the Beauty in a Life*

#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

#### WELCOME

Worship Leader, Sally Borden

#### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #128 *For All That is Our Life*

#### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

#### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #114 *Forward Through the Ages*

Recessional

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Announcements and Events — September 3, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are dedicated by Jody Wise "in celebration of my father, who would have been 91 on September 2," and provided by Susan Matthews.

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

**REV. MURRAY'S INSTALLATION:** Invitations have gone out. Don't forget to RSVP. Saturday, September 23, 2017, 11:30 AM in the sanctuary of First Unitarian-Universalist church of Detroit, we will install the Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray as our settled minister. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

**INVITING NEW MEMBERS:** Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to Dessá Cosma, the Membership Committee Chair. We will be inviting new members to sign the book during the service on Sunday, September 24th.

**SINGING OPPORTUNITY:** 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 compliment 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](mailto:musicdirector@1stuu.org)

## Sunday Sermons and Events

**TODAY: 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.

**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.

**9/17: 11:00AM – The Reformation**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

In this 500th year since the beginning of the Reformation, we will explore what happened in the world of belief at the time of the Reformation, and how that continues to affect us today.

**9/24: 11:00AM - What Do We Stand For?**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Every now and then, it is important to talk about the current environment of the church and society. Who are we and who are our neighbors? What are the deep needs that we can answer and what are the ones that we are not equipped to respond to meaningfully? What ought we be and what ought we do?

**10/1: 11:00AM - On Genealogy [8/13/17]**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

In my family, my grandmother was very 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?