First Unitarian-Universalist Church
September 10, 2017
“More Inter-Religious, Increasingly Secular”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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* #1000 Morning Has Come
#208 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

WELCOME
Worship Leader, Nathan Strickland

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* #187 It Sounds Along the Ages
Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Parlor for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today’s Music

Prelude: El Shaddai
John Thompson and Michael Card

Musical Meditation: Claire de Lune/ Jesus Loves Me
Claude Debussy/ William Bradbury arr.. Fred Bock

Offertory: Austrian Hymn
Franz Joseph Haydn

Recessional: I Just Feel that Something Good is About to Happen
William J. Gaither

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 Mark Schwing
Today’s Greeters: Maysel Brooks Marilyn Mitchell

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.
FLOWER DONATIONS: Today’s flowers are dedicated by Kathe Stevens in celebration of the 10th wedding anniversary of Kathe Stevens and Glenn Maxwell (on September 1).

COFFEE HOUR: 😞 There will be no potluck this Sunday as there is another function occurring in the social hall. The social hour will still take place in the parlor 😊

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY: Saturday, September 16 starting at 8:00 AM, we’ll meet to make our place more presentable and hospitable for Rev. Murray’s installation. The wish list is long, so many hands may help us achieve our ambitious agenda. It includes the Sanctuary (floors, pews, dusting, vacuuming), the social hall (floors, windows, etc...), and the outdoor grounds (weeding, shrub trimming, trash pick-up). Contact Dan Wiest or Tim Bailey for more information.

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. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour for those of us who would like to engage one another in a discussion on the ideas and points raised in our Sunday sermons. All are welcome. Stop by - Let’s Talk!

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.

TODAY: 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?