First Unitarian-Universalist Church
September 11, 2016
“9/11 - 15 Years Later”
Reverend 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* #159 This is My Song
#180 Alhamdulillah
#118 This Little Light of Mine

WELCOME
Matt Friedrichs, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #336 All My Memories of Love

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #121 We’ll Build a Land
Benediction

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

Today’s Music
Prelude: Ode to Joy
Ludwig Van Beethoven/ arr. John Wilson

Musical Meditation: Largo from The New World Symphony
Anton Dvorak

Offertory: Choral #3 in A Minor (excerpt)
Cesar Franck

Recessional: America the Beautiful
Samuel Ward

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 Mark Schweng
Today’s Greeters: Bill Dickinson 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 – September 11, 2016**

**Chancel Flower Donations**
Today's flowers are given by Anita Jones in memory of Beverly Eckert, activist & advocate for 911 surviving families.

**Membership Book Signing- TODAY**
If you have made the decision to become a member of UU Detroit, please complete and bring the membership forms found at http://www.1stuu.org/Membership/membership.php. Please let Joan Smykowski know if you are planning to join.

**CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY!**
To all members and friends of UU Detroit:  
If you have not filled out our congregational survey, please take the time to complete it now. The survey is online and can be completed at your convenience. Anyone without email access will be able to complete the survey in paper form or at a computer station during coffee hour today. The deadline to complete all surveys is September 30, 2016. Thank you. - The Ministerial Search Committee

**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.

**Social Hour Coordinator Resignation**
Alyssa Bond, our Sunday social hour coordinator, has resigned in order to pursue other opportunities. Her last day is September 25. We wish Alyssa well in her future endeavors. Your board will be looking to hire a replacement. Watch for news about a new hire in an upcoming OOS.

**Sunday Sermons and Events**

9/18 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “The Holy Land.”
**Speaker:** Reverend Stephen Butler Murray  
I will spend the week before this sermon in Washington, DC, participating in a World Council of Churches Consultation with American religious and political leaders on the Holy Land. I studied in Israel in the summer of 1997, receiving a first-hand education on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and now, nearly 20 years later, have the opportunity to revisit this issue in depth. In this sermon, I will share glimpses of the week-long conversation that we shared in our nation's capital.

9/25 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Detroit Musings: Underneath My American Face.”
**Speaker:** M. L. Liebler  
As part of our Detroit Musings series, poet M. L. Liebler will read from his work and discuss his evolution from working class to community poet and cultural activist.