

Today's Music

Prelude: *Jerusalem*

C. Hubert H. Parry

This famous tune is included in our hymnal as #337. The original lyrics are an 1804 poem by William Blake that recounts a story from the Book of Revelation of a second coming of Jesus that briefly created a Heaven, or New Jerusalem on Earth. Blake's poem suggests that the visit was to the land that is now England. The text was set to music in 1916.

Choir Anthem: *Atheists Don't Have No Songs*

Steve Martin

Musical Meditation: *Somewhere from "Westside Story"*

Leonard Bernstein

Offertory: *From a Distance*

Julie Gold

Recessional: *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky*

Grace Lewis-Mclaren

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 Dickinson Ruby Jones

Today's Greeters: Deanna McGraw Sherry Wells

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.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

September 18, 2016

"The Holy Land"

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* #1007 *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

#1025 *When Will the Fighting Cease*

#162 *Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield*

WELCOME

Dessa, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #113 *Where is Our Holy Church*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #1022 *Open the Windows*

Benediction

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – September 18, 2016

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Dan Secrest in loving memory of Stephanie Secrest.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who has contributed cards, stamps and pens for our ongoing program to sign cards at church for members and friends who are having a birthday, dealing with illness or a death in the family. It makes those who receive the cards remember that we are family and care about each other.

Thanks especially to Nancy Owen Nelson and Roger Ziegler, Edie and Bill McKnight and Gwen Foss. Let me know if I've left anyone out.

September 28th Vespers

Many thanks to all the Vesperians who chose and/or read their favorites in August! September Vespers will feature famous and not so famous Unitarian-Universalist poets and poetry, along with music. Please join us at 6 pm September 28th in the parlor (aka Memorial Hall) for a quiet hour in your busy week. Al Acker

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

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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

- 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.