

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *The Impossible Dream*
Mitch Leigh

Musical Interlude: *String Quartet No. 1, 2nd movement*
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Alfred String Quartet: Marie Brooks - Violin,
Nathan Strickland - Violin,
Ashley D'Agostino - Viola,
Eric Hansen - Cello

Musical Meditation: *Try to Remember*
Harry Schmidt

Offertory: *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*
Harold Arlen

Recessional: *Autumn Leaves*
Joseph Kosmo

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 Emma Velasquez

Today's Greeters: Maysel Brooks Dave Vaillienecourt

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

September 24, 2017

"What Do We Stand For?"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray



*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* #16 *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*
#407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sharon Mills

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1074 *Turn the World Around*
Musical Interlude Alfred String Quartet

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response #123 *Spirit of Life (please sing along)*
Message
New Members Sign the Book

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #301 *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!*
Recessional

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

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events — September 24, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are dedicated by the Secret family to honor Waterloo Memories!

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

GREETER HUDDLE: We are all going to get together and share our ideas, status, complaints and compliments about the Greeter program. We will meet in the Narthex at 12:30 today.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour. The "Visitors' Table" welcomes anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. We'd like to get to know you better! The "Sermon Discussion Table" is open to anyone who would like to engage one another in a discussion of the ideas and points raised in our Sunday sermons. **All are welcome. 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

VESPERS: This is the birth month of former 1stUU member, Ron Allen. We will hear selected poems from Ron's published books from 1996 to 2004. We will also hear selected recordings from his own CD's of poetry accompanied by music. His writing follows the arc of his life from veteran, poet, community activist, mentor and playwright to Buddhist priest. Our presenter will be Anita (Ruby) Jones. Join us on Wednesday, September 27, 6:00-7:00PM, in the Parlor.

THANK YOU to the folks that cleaned the sanctuary: organizers Dan Wiest and Tim Bailey, Tim's crew, Omar and Wayne, Maysel Brooks, Art Gabhart, Sharlene Gage, and Glenn Maxwell. Outside workers who deserve a big THANK YOU are Mark Schwing, who cleaned our corner sign, and Susan Matthews and Dave Vaillencourt, who raked up 10 bags of weeds. Dave and Susan were joined by Michael, one of the Semester in Detroit students, who saw them working and lent his landscaping expertise. What a community effort!

Sunday Sermons and Events

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]

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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?

10/8: 11:00AM – Detroit Today

Stephen Henderson
Stephen Henderson, editorial page editor for the *Detroit Free Press*, hosts a daily radio show, "Detroit Today," on WDET 101.9 FM, Detroit's public radio station as well as weekly tv shows, "American Black Journal" and "MiWeek," both on Detroit Public Television. Former editorial page editor of *The Michigan Daily*, Henderson has been a reporter or editor of several major newspaper organizations, including the Knight Ridder Washington Bureau, where he covered the U.S. Supreme Court from 2003-2007. Stephen Henderson's awards include the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, the 2016 Scripps Howard Award, the 2017 ASNE writing award for editorials. He was also the National Association of Black Journalists' pick for Journalist of the Year in 2014.

10/15: 11:00AM – The Voice Under the Voice

Dr. Jim Perkinson ETS
The signs of our time shout! An entire planet raises an increasingly insistent voice, challenging our entire species in its conceit as supreme. Water is Earth's prophet. Harvey and Irma mere punctuation. Nigeria and Bangladesh a deep warning and test. La Tuna and Eagle Creek the voice running silent and hot. We have hardly even begun to listen. Will we ever? The time is late.

James W. Perkinson is a long-time activist/educator/poet from inner city Detroit, currently teaching as Professor of Social Ethics at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary and lecturing in Intercultural Communication Studies at the University of Oakland (Michigan).