

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *The Washington Post March*  
John Philip Sousa

This march was commissioned by *The Washington Post* newspaper in 1889 for the newspaper's essay contest awards ceremony. The motto of *The Washington Post* is "Democracy Dies in Darkness."

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

**Musical Meditation:** *For Once in My Life*  
Ron Miller and Orlando Murden

**Offertory:** *The Temptations Medley*  
William "Smokey" Robinson, Bobby Rogers, Ronald White,  
Eddie Holland, Norman Whitfield

**Recessional:** *I Say a Little Prayer*  
Burt Bacharach

## 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:** Joan Smykowski      Dave Vaillencourt

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*

October 8, 2017

"Detroit Today"

Stephen Henderson



*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\* #88 *Calm Soul of All Things*

#1018 *Come and Go With Me*

**WELCOME**      Worship Leader, Jillian Gross Fortgang

### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #288 *All are Architects of Fate*

Choir Anthem      Todd Ballou, 1st UU Detroit choir director

### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\*      #121 *We'll Build a Land*

Recessional

*Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for Sunday potluck and conversation  
(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)*

## Announcements and Events – October 8, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are dedicated by Anita Jones to celebrate her sisters, "The Jones Girls."

**POTLUCK SUNDAY:** This Sunday, October 8, is Potluck Sunday. Join us in the Social Hall at noon for lunch and conversation.

**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 welcome 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).

**EVENTS TO ADD TO YOU CALENDAR:** Gwen Foss leads the singing circle meetings every Wednesday at 7PM.

Dan Wiest is coordinator for the Amnesty International group that meets on the October 16, 7:30pm, this month.

Vespers this month will be held on October 25 from 6-7PM.

## Sunday Sermons and Events

### **TODAY, 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).

### **10/22: 11:00AM – Strings Attached: What Connects Us**

Diane Shipley DeCillis

Inspired by the 7th principle of Unitarianism, I look forward to discussing separation, attachment, and connection, which are salient themes in my poetry and stories. Diane DeCillis' poetry collection, *Strings Attached* (Wayne State Univ. Press, 2014) has been honored as a Michigan Notable Book for 2015, won The 2015 Next Generation Indie Book Award for poetry, and was a finalist for the Forward Indie Fab Book Award for poetry.

### **10/29 11:00AM – The Haunting Season**

Reverend Stephen Butler Murray

As we approach Halloween, I will explore the idea of ghosts and hauntings. Why do we find the idea of the supernatural to be so pervasive?