

## Today's Music

**Prelude:** *Hoedown from "Excursions for the Piano" op 20*  
Samuel Barber

**Musical Meditation:** *One Hand, One Heart* from West Side Story  
Leonard Bernstein

**Offertory:** *Allegro from Autumn* op 8 no 3  
Antonio Vivaldi

Celebrates the peasant, with songs and dances,  
The pleasure of a bountiful harvest.  
And fired up by Bacchus' liquor,  
many end their revelry in sleep.

Poetry by Vivaldi or perhaps his colleague to accompany this movement  
(translated)

**Recessional:** *Where Everybody Knows Your Name*  
Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo

## 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 Marsha Bruhn

Hearing Assistance devices and Large Print Hymnals are available from any of our Greeters.

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## *First Unitarian-Universalist Church*

October 22, 2017

*"Strings Attached: What Connects Us"*

Diane Shipley DeCillis



*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\* #197 *There are Numerous Strings*  
#1021 *Lean on Me*

**WELCOME** Worship Leader, Sharon Mills

### CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn\* #1052 *The Oneness of Everything*

### DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

### RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn\* #134 *Our World is One World*

Recessional

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

(\* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

## Announcements and Events — October 22, 2017

**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are donated by Marsha Bruhn, who is celebrating a best friend's birthday.

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

**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 complement 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).

**MEMORIAL FOR JERRY WILLIAMS:** A memorial consisting of items displayed at the funeral of Jerry Williams will be set up in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Extra copies of the funeral program will be available.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 19, 2017, 12:30 PM, in the Social Hall, for a vote by the congregation to co-sponsor, with Community Unitarian Universalists of Brighton, the ordination of former UU Detroitier Julie Brock. See the November 2017 church newsletter for details.

## Sunday Sermons and Events

**TODAY, 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 Dr. 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?

**11/5: 11:00AM – Me Too**

Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

When it was revealed that Harvey Weinstein, one of the most powerful producers in Hollywood, had long been using his power and influence to sexually harass and assault aspiring actresses, a powerful movement on Facebook began with women who themselves had experienced sexual harassment or assault simply stating, "Me Too." This was done as an act of self-empowerment, but also to demonstrate to men just how many of the women that they know have lived through such abuse, the answer being that such experiences are almost universal. How do we move forward as a society in which so few men believe that they have acted inappropriately, while so many women have suffered the violation of such treatment?

**11/12: 11:00AM – Race in America**

Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

A month ago, Stephen Henderson came to our church and delivered an important message about race in America. Following the service, eight members of our church asked me to do a sermon in response to Henderson. This is my response.

**11/19: 11:00AM - How We Die**

Reverend Ken Phifer, Guest Minister

The two most important themes human beings must deal with are Life and Death. Mostly we prefer, understandably, to deal with the former and avoid the latter until we are confronted.