

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: *The Ghost of John*
Martha Grubb

Musical Interlude: *Autumn's In the Air*
Mercury Rev (2015)

Mercury Rev is an American indie rock band formed in 1989 in Buffalo, NY

Musical Meditation: *Dream Gaze in a Ghostly Haze*
H. Waterstone

Offertory: *Halloween*
Milton Kaye

Recessional: *Watch Out!*
John Horman

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: Carmen M. King Marilyn Mitchell

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

October 29, 2017

"The Haunting Season"

Reverend 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*

#1012 *When I Am Frightened*

#153 *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Dan Vaillencourt

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #8 *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #96 *I Cannot Think of Them as Dead*

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 29, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Bob Lauer donates today's flowers with a Samhain greetings, "Blessed Be!" Susan Matthews provided them.

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,

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.

DETROIT REPERTORY OUTING: I have 13 tickets (and can obtain additional), for the Detroit Repertory Theater play, *Swimming Upstream*, a comedy about Jennifer, a marine biologist, spawning salmon, climate change, and love and a feisty widowed mother with an active libido who repeatedly quotes Ronald Reagan.

The tickets will be for a matinee at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Anyone who likes may join us for dinner at the Traffic Jam afterwards. The tickets are \$20 each, and the church will receive \$5 for every ticket sold. I will have the tickets at coffee hour, or you can call or email Margaret Beck at 313 882 7775 or margretbeck@comcast.net. **I hope you can join us.**

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 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 with our own mortality or that of someone we care for. But in so many ways, the discussion of death and of how we die is as important as any topic of life itself. In this new age of remarkable medical technologies and pharmaceutical wonders, it matters greatly that we think about death and dying and how we want to confront these inevitable matters. My sermon will deal with some of these issues, based on more than 45 years of pastoral experience and 79 years of just living!

Ken Phifer was for 25 years the senior minister of the Ann Arbor UU Congregation.