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

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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 Vailliencourt

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit

DEEPPING
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)
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 Detroiter 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.