



First Unitarian-Universalist Church

November 5, 2017

"Me Too"

Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Liberate Truth ~
Radiate Kindness ~
Love Courageously

Today's Music

Prelude: *You'll Never Walk Alone* from the musical "Carousel"
Music by Richard Rodgers

Musical Meditation: *Let It Be*
Paul McCartney

Offertory: *I Will Survive*
Dino Fekaris and Freddie Perren

Recessional: *Lean on Me*
Bill Withers

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #1002 *Comfort Me*
 #151 *I Wish I Knew How*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sherry A. Wells

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #292 *If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response #123 *Spirit of Life* (*please sing along*)
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #150 *All Whose boast It Is*
Recessional

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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 Bill McKnight

Today's Greeters: Chloe Lundine Maysel Brooks

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.

Congregation may exit to the Parlor for coffee, cookies and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events — November 5, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Bob Lauer donates today's flowers with best wishes to all!"

COFFEE HOUR: Today we'll enjoy our coffee, cookies and conversation in the Parlor. 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!

BOOK SIGNING SERVICE: Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to Dessa Cosma, the Membership Committee Chair. We will be inviting new members to sign the book during the service on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

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 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.**

NOVEMBER VESPERS: Due to the timing of the Thanksgiving holiday this November, we are rescheduling our Vespers poetry reading to the **5th Wednesday (November 29).**

ESCALATING INEQUALITY TASK FORCE: The Escalating Inequality Task Force, a coalition of UU congregations, including UU Detroit, is hosting "67 Detroit: The Myth of the Model City" and "'67 Rebellion: A Memory Play." This will be a multimedia exploration of the events leading up to and through the 1967 Detroit uprising. It will be on Thursday, November 30, 2017, starting at 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, [23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, Michigan.](http://tinyurl.com/67Detroit)

Tickets: \$10 (Regular), \$25 (Sponsor), \$5 (Students). Complimentary tickets are available. Tickets may be purchased online via Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/67Detroit or during coffee hour. Please see Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the Ticket Table for additional information or a registration form.

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 11/5: 11:00AM – Me Too

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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

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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.