



First Unitarian-Universalist Church

November 19, 2017

"How We Die"

Reverend Ken Phifer, Guest Minister

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

*Liberate Truth ~
Radiate Kindness ~
Love Courageously*

Today's Music

Welcome back to our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone!

Prelude: Prelude op. 28 no.6 in B Minor
Frederic Chopin

Musical Meditation: *Prelude op. 28 no.4 in E Minor*
Frederic Chopin

Offertory: *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*
African American Spiritual

Recessional: *To Life* from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof"
Jerry Bock

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together* #52 *Sweet Fields of Autumn*
#1020 *Woyaya*

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sally Borden

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #50 *When Darkness Nears*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #6 *Just as Long as I Have Breath*

Recessional

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

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, *Minister*

Todd Ballou, *Music Director*

Nancy Shattuck, *Office Administrator*

Omar Davis, *Social Hour Coordinator*

Julia Cuneo, *Child Care Provider*

Today's Ushers: Danny Rebb Ruth Seifert

Today's Greeters: Maysel Brooks Sherry A. Wells

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.

Announcements and Events — November 19, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Colleen Dolan-Greene donates today's flowers to celebrate her parents Mary Dunn and Jim Dolan, who were married 75 years ago, on 11/21/1942.

COFFEE HOUR: Today we'll enjoy 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!

NEW MEMBERS SIGN THE BOOK: New members will be signing the book during today's service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Immediately following the service, we will have a short congregational meeting. If you are a member, after our service, please return to the pews to vote to approve UU Detroit's co-sponsorship, with Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Brighton, the ordination of Julie Brock. An agenda is included in your Order of Service.

SHARE THE PLATE GUEST: Our Share the Plate guest recipient this Sunday is Gleaners Community Food Bank. Any funds received during the offertory that have no designation will be split 50/50 between our guest recipient and the church. Please mark in the memo area of your check or on the envelope as to how you want your donation to be allocated.

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.**

MEMORIAL: The life of Dr. Kenneth Meyer will be celebrated on Saturday, November 25 from 1-3pm at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124, (313) 271-2700. Please RSVP to smylesusan@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. Ken's obituary is available on the website of the Wint & Son Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers or cards a donation in his memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy.

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." It will be on Thursday, November 30, 2017, starting at 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, [23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, Michigan](#). See Sharon Mills or Mary Lou Malone at the Ticket Table at coffee hour for additional information or a registration form.

Sunday Sermons and Events

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

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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! He is a graduate of Harvard College and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He served for 29 years on the Institutional Review Board of the University of Michigan Medical School as a member of several different peace groups and was a leader in Ann Arbor in establishing the full human rights of LGBT people.

11/26: 11:00AM - *My Heart Wears No Colors: A Sermon in Poetry*

Nancy Owen Nelson

In this sermon, Nelson will discuss her process of researching and writing poetry about her Confederate ancestors, and the challenging spiritual journey it entailed. Nancy Owen Nelson has been a member of First UU Detroit since the Spring of 2012. She has been a college English professor and has published research and creative work. *My Heart Wears No Colors* is her first poetry (chap)book; it will be published in late 2018.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Sanctuary, 4605 Cass, Detroit MI

Sunday, November 19, 2017 – 12:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Words of Welcome — Dan Hale, President

Covenant — We covenant to work together in honesty, kindness, and respect for each other as we carry out the business of this church. We are a religious community. Let us move forward in love.

Verification of Quorum — Danny Rebb, Secretary

Vote: Co-Sponsorship of Ordination of Julie Brock —



Julie Brock is the daughter of longtime church member Kathe Stevens. She is the wife of Joel Batterman and stepdaughter of Glenn Maxwell, also UU Detroiters.

Julie has been affiliated with UU Detroit since birth. She grew up in the Sunday school and participated in hundreds of church activities as a child. As an adult, Julie officially joined the church and served as a Board trustee and as a Canvass Campaign chair.

Julie subsequently earned a Masters of Divinity and recently was granted fellowship by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association. She has fulfilled all requirements to be ordained.

For the past year, Julie has served as Consulting Minister for the Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Brighton. Her

wish is to be co-ordained by UU Detroit and CUUB in our sanctuary.

A sponsoring congregation is required to approve ordination by vote of the members. CUUB approved co-sponsorship of Julie's ordination on October 29, 2017.

The ordination will require volunteer and monetary resources. The UU Detroit Board of Trustees has voted to allocate funds for the ordination. CUUB also is allocating funds.

UU Detroit members Dessa Cosma, Colleen Dolan-Greene, and Kathe Stevens and members of CUUB are co-haring a committee to plan Julie's ordination, which will be scheduled for April 2018, here at UU Detroit.

Julie's ordination at UU Detroit will continue a long tradition of ordaining or co-ordaining one of our own:

- Rev. Nancy Wynkoop Doughty — 1962
- Rev. Susann Pangerl — 1979
- Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher — 1989
- Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman — 1998
- Rev. Lynda Ch'anna Smith, co-ordained with Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church — 2006

Pending your affirmative vote, Julie will proudly join our list as the sixth woman to be ordained or co-ordained in our sanctuary.

Closing Words — Dan Hale, President

