Today’s Music

Prelude: Now Thank We All our God
Johann Cruger (1647) arr. Wilbur Held (1976)

Choir Anthem: Something Told the Wild Geese
Sherri Porterfield

Musical Meditation: Thanksgiving
George Winston (1982)

Offertory: We Gather Together
Adrian Valerius (1626) / arr. Wilbur Held (1976)

Recessional: Alice’s Restaurant
Arlo Guthrie

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Humphrey Blakemore, Social Hour Coordinator

Today’s Ushers: Chloe Lundine, Maysel Brooks
Today’s Greeters: Roger Zeigler, Bill Dickinson

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our Greeters.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the Greeters.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
November 20, 2016
“Food Justice: Challenges and Possibilities”
Reverend Stephen Butler Murray

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #401 Kum Bah Yah
#123 Spirit of Life
#368 Now Let Us Sing

WELCOME Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #52 In Sweet Fields of Autumn
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir director

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #593 Liberation is Costly by Desmond Tutu
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #407 We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table
Benediction
Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
**Announcements and Events – November 20, 2016**

**Chancel Flower Donations**
Today’s flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in memory of her parents, Mary Dunn and Jim Dolan, who were married on November 21, 1942!

**Congregational Survey Copy**
If you would like a printed copy of the results of our 2016 congregational survey, see Sharon Mills or Nate Strickland, Jr. of the Ministerial Search Committee during coffee hour today.

**Share the Plate, TODAY, Sunday November 20th**
Celebrating our commitment to Social Justice and compassion for our neighbors, this Sunday, November 20th, we will share the collection plate proceeds with a worthy charitable program. We offer the congregation an option to have half their donation for that Sunday to go for the benefit of a chosen Social Justice project.

The project chosen for November is Zaman International. Zaman International is a non-profit organization in Detroit dedicated to advancing the lives of marginalized women and children which is currently helping with the settlement of recent Syrian refugees fleeing the violence and chaos of that country. Zaman helps with food, clothing, and other immediate needs.

**Play Tickets for Sale!**
I have 14 tickets to see the play, *The Realization of Emily Linder* at the Detroit Repertory Theatre on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 each with our church getting $5 each for our budget. We also can go to the Traffic Jam after the play. The play is about retiree, Emily Linder predicting the exact hour and day of her death and her strange funeral plans. The result is both hilarious and moving. Please call or email Margaret Beck if you are interested in seeing the play at (313) - 882-7775 or margetbeck@comcast.net. I will also have tickets at coffee hour. – Margaret Beck

**Vespers Date Change**
Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we’re changing Vespers to the 5th Wednesday – November 30. After some conversation at dinner after October Vespers, I’ve decided to recycle parts of an earlier version featuring T.S. Eliot’s Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats and music from the musical inspired by it, “Cats.” But I also want to incorporate Thanksgiving…so if you have a favorite poem about being thankful (maybe for a pet?) let me know and we’ll add that to our lineup on Wednesday, November 30th at 6 pm in the parlor. Our numbers are growing … please join us. – Al Acker

**IMPORTANT DATE:**
**December 18 Congregational Meeting**
Dear UU Detroitors, a congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 12:30 PM in the social hall. The board is offering amendments to our current bylaws. **It is imperative that we have a quorum.** Please plan to attend on December 18. Printed copies of the proposed amendments will be available in coffee hour through December 11. The proposed amendments will be emailed to all members with a reminder about the date.

**Sunday Sermons and Events**

11/26  **11:00 a.m. Sermon, “The Violence of White Silence.”**
**Speaker:** Kim Redigan
The violence of white silence is profound and deep - some have called it this country’s national anthem. Those of us who are the beneficiaries of white supremacy - heirs to its brutal legacy – have work to do at both the personal and the structural level. Silence is deadly and unacceptable.

12/4  **11:00 a.m. Sermon, “The Heidelberg Project”**
**Speaker:** Tyree Guyton
Artist Tyree Guyton will speak about the Heidelberg Project, an outdoor community art environment and the brainchild of native Detroit artist, Mr. Guyton.