

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>Ode to Joy</i> Ludwig van Beethoven/ arr. John Wilson
Musical Meditation:	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i> Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
Offertory:	<i>We Are the World</i> Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie
Recessional:	<i>What the World Needs Now</i> Burt Bacharach

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Jerry Williams Regina Weiss
Today's Greeters: Aletha Oberdier Ruth Seifert
Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

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

December 13, 2015

"Human Rights Day and Race in America

Rev. 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 #168 *One More Step*
#1027 *When the Poor Ones (English verses)*
#1021 *Lean on Me*

WELCOME

Sharon Mills, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #148 *Let Freedom Span both East and West*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #1017 *Building a New Way*
Benediction

*All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements and Events – December 13, 2015

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting **TODAY**, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary, to vote on a slate to fill a Settled Minister Search Committee. An update to the budget will be presented at the meeting as well as the roll-out of the 2016 Strategic Plan. No vote is required on either the budget or the plan.

Membership Book Signing

The next Membership Book signing will be **TODAY**, at the end of the Service, for all new and returning members of First UU. Becoming a member of First UU involves 3 actions; (1.) Signing the Membership Book, (2.) Making a financial pledge to the Church and/or (3.) Making a contribution of record. Please let Regina Weiss know if you are interested in becoming a member.

December Vespers Cancelled

Considering everybody's busy holiday schedules (including the "Vesperator's") we've decided to skip this month. We'll start the New Year on the 4th Wednesday in January. Look for details soon. Al Acker

Embracing Kwanzaa - Sun Dec 27

Please come out and invite others to join us for a very unique and special celebration. After the service, during social hour, there will be a table representing the fourth day of Kwanzaa: Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics). I am calling on all congregants to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on this day. Many of us would certainly like to be able to support businesses of fellow church members and if you feel the same, here is an opportunity to do just that.

Do not bring the cards until Sunday, December 27 (50-100 cards).
Worship Coordinator - Anita Ruby Jones

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Joan Smykowski in memory of her sister Donna Whittaker.

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EMEAC's Winter Blast Fundraiser

Please consider contributing to EMEAC's "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. The fundraiser will run through **January 31, 2016: 100 Days – \$100 Dollars – 100 Donors**. All donations are tax deductible. Donate your \$100 online at www.emeac.org or send donations to EMEAC, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Getting Involved Committee Fair

January 10th during Coffee Hour. New friends and members are invited to learn more about the programs, activities, and volunteer opportunities at First Church. All leaders of the Church are encouraged to attend. For more information, see Regina Weiss.

Sunday Sermons and Activities

12/20 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "The Dark Side and the Light: A Meditation on Morality in Star Wars"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Since the 1970's, the phenomenon of Star Wars has shaped our cultural reality on a societal and individual level. As someone who was part of the generation which grew up wielding light sabers, I am fascinated by how the duality of the Force, its Dark Side and the Light, has affected our moral imagination.

C/E 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "On Giving and Taking in the Stranger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

The Christmas story is one that is a very human one: A struggling man and woman, strangers in a strange land, who find that there is no room at the Inn, but who nonetheless are shown a modicum of hospitality for the birth of what portends to be a remarkable, world-changing child.

1/3 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "A New Year and A Century"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit celebrates in 2016 a century of worshiping in this sanctuary through its roots in the Universalist tradition.