

Today's Music

Prelude: *S'Vivon*

Traditional Hebrew Song/ arr. Robert Schultz

Sevivon or S'vivon is the Hebrew word for "dreidel", and "dreidel" is the Yiddish word for a spinning top.

Choir Anthem: *Chanukah Catch*

Stephen Richards

Musical Meditation: *We Are Lights*

Stephen Schwartz (2001)

A lamp that kept on burning, a miracle they say
But the world has kept on turning: Are there miracles today?
Everyone who lights the candles has a bit of ancient spark
We are miracles lighting up the dark.

Offertory: *Freedom, Merriment, and Joy*

arr. Howard Rosner

Recessional: *I Have a Little Dreidel*

S. E. Goldfarb and Mikhl Gelbart

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

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 Greeters: Dave Vaillencourt Glenn Maxwell

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

December 17, 2017

"On Chanukah"

Reverend 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* #116 *I'm on My Way*

Stand Up Now and Clap (see insert)

WELCOME Worship Leader, Lyndy Johnston

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #223 *Rock of Ages*

Choir Anthem *1st UU Detroit Choir*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

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

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #221 *Light One Candle*

Recessional

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

Announcements and Events — December 17, 2017

FLOWER DONATIONS: Marsha Bruhn donates today's flowers to celebrate having her family here for her 80th birthday and Christmas!

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!**

THANK YOU to the folks who helped clean and decorate the sanctuary: Tim Bailey and his crew, Maysel Brooks, Art Gabhart, Sharlene Gage, Glenn Maxwell, Susan Morgan, Kathe Stevens, Dan Wiest.

DECEMBER VESPERS CANCELLED: Considering everybody's busy holiday schedules, we've decided to skip vespers in December. We'll start a new year of community poetry on the 4th Wednesday in January (the 24th).

Sunday Sermons and Events

TODAY, 12/17: 11:00AM - *On Chanukah*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
In the midst of Chanukah, we will reflect on this Jewish tradition and the history of why Jews celebrate these eight nights.

12/24: 7:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

(no worship on Sunday morning)

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
with Todd Ballou

Join us for our **annual** candlelight Christmas Eve service.

12/31: 11:00AM - *New Year's Resolutions*

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
On the cusp of the movement from one year to the next, we often are asked to come up with resolutions for how we will live differently. What do we promise ourselves? Why do we want to change?

1/7: 11:00AM - Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers

Sartori Shakoor

Satori Shakoor is Executive Director of The Society for the re-Institutionalization of Storytelling and a host of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers. She has received international acclaim as a singer with "Parliament/Funkadelic" and is one of "The Brides of Funkenstein." Ms. Shakoor will share her storytelling and musical talents with the congregation.