

Today's Music

Prelude: *The Dark Side: The Imperial March - The Throne Room*
John Williams

Musical Meditation: *Princess Leia's Theme*
John Williams

Choir Anthem: *Through the Darkness Shines the Light*
Stephen Eddins
with words by Alicia Carpenter (#344 A promise through the ages rings)

Offertory: *The Light Side: Main Title-May the Force Be With You-The Throne Room-End Title*
John Williams

Recessional: *Cantina Band*
John Williams

Our Skinner organ was designed to play orchestral music, and it includes pipes mimicking the tone of strings, brass, and woodwinds. The French Horn stop is Skinner's only patented tonal invention. The organ console has 4 manuals to allow contrasting pipes to be played at the same time, and allow easy changes between sounds. Couplers are electronic devices that combine the sounds of one or more manual into a full ensemble.

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: Dan Hale Jody Wise
Today's Greeters: Joel Batterman Paul Chislett
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 20, 2015

"The Dark Side and the Light: A Meditation on Morality in Star Wars"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness ~ Love
Courageously*

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles
Singing Together #72 *Has Summer Come Now, Dawning*
#1063 *Winter Solstice Chant*
#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

WELCOME

Irene Brisson, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #55 *Dark of Winter*
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU choir director

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #27 *I Am That Great and Fiery Force*
Benediction

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

Announcements and Events – December 20, 2015

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

Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network

On January 17 at 12:30 PM our congregation is invited to a potluck in our social hall, followed by a panel discussion on "Religion and Violence: Interfaith Perspectives." Afterwards there will be an interfaith worship service, "Lifting Up Detroit In Song & Prayer." More information to follow.

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.

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Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in celebration of Nick's 28th birthday!

Free Movie and Discussion

Ethyl Rivera Co-Chair of Alliance to Halt Fermi 3 will present "The Future of Energy: Lateral Power to the People"
Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 1 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
1st UU Church Parlor. For questions call Carolyn Ludwig 248-545-0662

Escalating Inequality: Let's Talk, 2016 Winter Speaker Series

Thursday, January 21, 2016, Chuck Collins
Thursday, February 18, 2016, Hon. Marilyn Kelly
Thursday, March 17, 2016, Peter J. Hammer
At Birmingham Unitarian Church sponsored by 1st UU and four other southeast Michigan UU churches. The fee is \$7 for each talk or \$15 for all three. For more information or to make reservations, see Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

Sunday Sermons and Activities

- C/E 7:00 p.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.