First Unitarian-Universalist Church
4605 Cass, Detroit MI 48201
A proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator
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Please visit us at www.1stuu.org;
email the Office Administrator at info@1stuu.org;
or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

Child care available – Sunday service at 11:00 A.M.

Worship Coordinator: Robert Johnson
Sound: Dan Wiest
Greeters: Maysel Brooks, Marsha Bruhn, Danny Rebb, Nathan Strickland
Usher: Jerry Williams
Large Print Hymnals are available from our greeters.

Thank you for joining us for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit. We strive to liberate the truth, radiate kindness and love courageously.

We are a Welcoming Congregation. You may find more information at http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program.
“On Giving and Taking in the Stranger”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together #245 Joy to the World!
#1062 All Around the Child
#253 O Come All Ye Faithful

WELCOME
Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Call To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #231 Angels We Have Heard on High
Choir Anthem Todd Ballou,
First UU Choir Director

DEEPENING
Introduction
Story Robert Johnson
Carol* #237 The First Noel

(*indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Our 7 Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Learn more about our UU principles and our faith at
http://www.uua.org/beliefs

To learn more about 1stUU, please visit our website
www.1stuu.org or join us Sundays at 11:00 AM
TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude:
*The Joy of Christmas*
arr. Van Denman Thompson

Offertory:
*The Holly and The Ivy*
Traditional Carol / arr. Chip Davis

Choir Anthem:
*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*
Words by Brother Conrad of Mainz (1587)
Music, Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne (1599)
Harmonized by Michael Praetorius (1609)

Recessional:
*A Bach Merry Christmas*
J. S. Bach / Traditional English / arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

ORDER OF SERVICE

DEEPENING cont’d

Story    Nancy Owen-Nelson
Carol*   #241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Story    Mary Lou Malone
Carol*   #244 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
Story    Kathleen Jacobs Johnson
Carol*   *O, Holy Night* (SEE INSERT)
Homily    
Offering  

RETURNING

Candle Lighting Ceremony
Form Circle ~ Pass the Light
Carol*   *Silent Night* (SEE INSERT) 3 verses, and then humming
Benediction*
Recessional Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation

(*indicates times to stand in body or spirit *)
**Carol: O, Holy Night**
words by Placide Cappeau,  
music by Adolphe Adam (1847)

1. O, holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pinning,  
til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

   **CHORUS**
   Fall---- on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night---- divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night---- divine---- O night, O night divine.

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming.  
   With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
   So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
   Here came the wise men---- from Orient land,  
   The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
   In all our trials born to be our friend.

   **CHORUS**

3. Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

   **CHORUS**

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**Closing Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night**
words by Joseph Mohr (1816),  
music by Franz Xavier Gruber (1818)

1. Silent night, holy night,  
   All is calm, all is bright.  
   Round yon virgin mother and child,  
   Holy infant so tender and mild,  
   Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,  
   Shepherds quake at the sight,  
   Glories stream from heaven afar,  
   Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia."  
   Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3. Silent night, holy night,  
   Child of God, love's pure light.  
   Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
   With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
   Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

4. (Humming)

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**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION**