<u>Today's Music</u>

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray Butler, Minister **Prelude:** Allegro from Concerto in E Major op 8 no 1 (Spring) Antonio Vivaldi Springtime is upon us. The birds celebrate her return with festive song, **Order of Service** and murmuring streams are ENTERING softly caressed by the breezes. Lighting of Candles Thunderstorms, those heralds of Spring, roar, Singing Together* #73 Chant for the Season (verse 3) casting their dark mantle over heaven, #407 We're Gonna Sit at the Then they die away to silence, and the birds take up their charming songs once more. Welcome Table Time with Children **Musical Meditation**: Edelweiss from the Sound of Music (Children Leave) Richard Rodgers Sharon Mills, Worship Leader WELCOME **Offertory:** Introduction from The Rite of Spring (1913) Igor Stravinsky CENTERING Prelude **Recessional:** Ode to Joy Ludwig Beethoven arr. John Wilson Calling to Worship Kindling the Flame **Opening Hymn*** #1067 Mother Earth, Beloved Garden Sunday Sermons DEEPENING 4/14 11: 00AM – "Rostara Revisited" Silent Meditation The Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray Butler, Minister

Invocation

Reading

Response

Message

RETURNING Offering

Closing Hymn*

Recessional

Musical Meditation

April 14, 2019

"Rostara Revisited"

#123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)

#327 Joy, Thou Goddess

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for potluck and

conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

The Spring Equinox (remember that, back in March?) is significant because it is the time when night and day are of equal length and a time to celebrate balance in all things. Our Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, and Germanic ancestors would celebrate Spring's arrival many ways. Today, as much of Christendom gears up to celebrate Easter in a week, we reflect on Ostara, which would seem to be an origin for modern Christianity's celebration of Easter.

4/21 11:00AM – "Educating Tomorrow's Leaders in Today's American Society"

Dr. Russell Kavalhuna, Guest Speaker

Henry Ford College President Russell Kavalhuna will discuss what leadership means for our young people today. Current leaders were influenced by a very different sphere of influences than that of young adults today. **FLOWER DONATIONS:** Today's flowers are donated by Tim Bailey and Joan Smykowski, who are celebrating 33 years of marriage.

TODAY'S GREETERS: Toni Tront and Katie Hege are UU's greeters this morning.

SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY: Today, April 14th, it's time to share at the Sunday Potluck, share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Join us in the Social Hall at 12:30-1:30PM after the service. **Everyone is welcome.**

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SPRING THEME AND EGG HUNT: Today,

April 14th following the church service, we will have a Spring-themed egg hunt and activities for the children. Anyone who wishes to bring children or grandchildren are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. Today, Dianna McGraw 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!

ORDER OF SERVICE COVERS: We want to remind you to PLEASE PUT YOUR OOS COVER IN THE BOX ON THE RADIATOR AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY!

<u>RIDE SHARES TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY:</u> If you or someone you know could use a ride to church on Sunday, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office @ 313-833-9107 or email <u>office@1stuu.org</u>.

<u>AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING:</u> Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on Monday, April 15th, at 7:30PM in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest (dfwiest@comcast.net) for more information.

THEATER OUTING: Margaret Beck has tickets to *Aubrey* at the Detroit Rep on Saturday, April 20th at 3:00PM. The tickets are \$15 with the church getting \$5 for each ticket sold. Playgoers will be going out to dinner after if you would like to join them. It's a lot of fun and helps both the church and the Detroit Rep. She will have tickets to buy at coffee hour or you can call or email Margaret Beck 313.882.7775 or margretbeck@comcast.net.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Today, Sunday, April 14th, The Worship Committee will meet in the Parlor from 12:40-2:40 PM.

SUNDAY MORNING VISITOR TABLE: We have literature at the table and a facilitator guide. In order to continue this service, we need additional volunteers. Please sign the roster kept in the Sanctuary radiator. We still have openings every week for the month of May. Thank you. Deanna McGraw, 586-202-5241.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETER SIGNUP: The Greeter signup clipboard is kept on the Sanctuary radiator. Glen Maxwell needs greeters for May 5th, 19th and the month of June.

VESPERS COMING UP: Put Wednesday, April 24 on your calendars for vespers. Every month on the fourth Wednesday, from 6:00-7:00 PM, at the Henry Ford Village library, resident poetry maven Al Acker or a guest speaker reads a selection of seasonally and spiritually appropriate poetry, with music to match.

<u>UU DETROIT BOARD MEETING</u>: Note that the usual meeting of the UU Detroit Board of Trustees has been postponed. The Board will meet on Sunday, April 29th this month.

ANNUAL PLEDGE: You can make your annual pledge via email to <u>canvasschair@1stuu.org</u>. For more information, see <u>http://1stuu.org</u>: *Giving / Finance.*