

# Online Worship Leader Script

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See [Procedures for Creating Worship Leader Script](#)

**Month DD, YYY**

**Title**

**Speaker**

**[Link for Live Worship Service \(Zoom\)](#)**

**ENTERING**

**11:00- Recording of Church Bells (50 seconds)**

**Kick-off / Singing Together: ([Worship Leader](#))**

*Good morning and welcome to our online sanctuary. [As you may have heard, we are meeting online because of problems with the heat at the church.](#)*

Please note that if you are on Facebook Live, you will only be able to listen in.

*We will begin with a couple of sing-alongs. We will display the words in the Zoom session and they are also available in the Order of Service which is linked from our website on the home page.*

*Our first sing along this morning is.*

**[#TBD](#)**

**(wait for song)**

*Our next song is*

**[#TBD](#)**

**Welcome and Announcements: (Worship Leader)**

*Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit, an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice, gathering for more than 100 years in our sanctuary at the corner of Cass and Forest.*

*Our church building sits on the traditional lands and territory of the A-nish-in-a-be people, also known as the Three Fires of the Confederacy which include the O-jib-way, the O-da-wa and Pot-a-wat-o-mi.*

*(update based on scott's words on Nov 14) But for the duration of this coronavirus outbreak we are gathering virtually in this online space as our church community.*

*Here we strive to liberate the truth, radiate kindness, and love courageously.*

*My name is **Leader TBD**, and I am your Worship Leader this morning.*

If you have a joy, sorrow, or other milestone to share, please write a message in the zoom chat publicly (or privately to Reverend Murray) Rev. Murray will share your messages with the congregation during our closing.

Please make yourself at home and enjoy being with your friends here at our church.

**CENTERING**

**Prelude music (Todd or Hannah)**

**TBD**

**Call To Worship:** (*Worship Leader + Congregant – after music stops*)

*Leader: Welcome to this place that we hold so dear*

*Congregant: Here we strive to recognize the struggle toward freedom of all people*

*Leader: In this place we look at the lessons from our past...*

*Congregant: ... we strive to grow in the present...*

*Leader: ... and yearn to build a more equal future.*

*Congregant: This is the place where we aim for acceptance, inclusion, equity, and equality.*

*Leader: Here we welcome people of all ages, all sexual orientations, and all gender identities.*

*Congregant: Here we welcome people of all colors and all ethnicities.*

*Leader: Here we strive not to judge,*

*Congregant: ... but rather to look at abilities and capabilities.*

*Leader: Here let your mind explore and your heart be free*

*Congregant: Here in this sacred space*

***BOTH: Come let us worship together***

**Kindling the Flame:** (*Worship Leader – Immediately after Call to Worship*)

*We will now light the chalice which is the symbol of the faith that we share and the community which we form together. I invite you to light one in your home at this time.*

*[light the chalice]*

**(The worship leader can select any chalice reading or poem)**

These words are from Christine Robinson:

We gather this hour as people of faith  
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.  
We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest  
for truth and meaning,  
In celebration of the life we share together.

**Opening Hymn:** (*Worship Leader – Immediately after kindling the flame*)

*Please join in singing our opening hymn*

**#TBD**

**(Occasionally a Choir Anthem or Musical Interlude occurs here)**

**DEEPENING**

**Spoken Meditation and Silence** (Speaker or Worship Leader)

(if required, the Worship Leader can speak)

“Now enjoy our musical meditation”

**Musical Meditation** (Todd or Hannah)

**Reading** (Speaker or Worship Leader)

**Response**, please join in singing **#123 Spirit of Life** (Speaker or Leader)

**Message** (Speaker or Worship Leader)

## **RETURNING**

**Offering** (*Worship Leader – Immediately after speaker ends*)

(words by John Saxon)

A religious community is like a river formed from the many streams of our lives that meet and merge and flow to the sea. As members and friends of this religious community, we share our time and energy, our creativity, imagination, and vision, our talents, skills, and gifts, and the streams of our individual lives to create a river that is both deep and broad: a river that is made of many streams, sustains life, and refreshes the land through which it flows. The river of this community also depends on our shared financial support.

*We will now receive an offering for the support of this religious community and its work in the world.*

You can make your donation on our website or by sending a check to our Treasurer. The Treasurer's contact information will also be posted in our Zoom Chat.

**Offertory Music** (*Todd or Hannah – during offering*)

**TBD**

**Closing Hymn** (*Worship Leader – Immediately after music*)

*Please join in singing our closing hymn*

**#TBD**

**Closing Words / Benediction** (*Speaker or Worship Leader*)

## Closing Words (Worship leader)

*Before we listen to our closing music, I'd like to invite everyone to stay for our virtual coffee hour which will begin in this Zoom session 5 minutes after our worship service ends.*

*If you are visiting us, and interested in learning more about our church, please leave a message in our chat session and/or speak up in Coffee Hour. If you provide your email address we will be able to follow up more conveniently and systematically to best answer your questions and get you in the loop should you be interested.*

(Select the appropriate Announcements for the day, and edit them as needed.  
[Check the church calendar for updates](#))

### 1st Sunday

- At our worship service next Sunday, we will explore the topic: **Spring Equinox**, presented by **Rev. Murray**.
- Details about all church events are available on the church calendar located on our website.     [1stuu.org/calendar.php](http://1stuu.org/calendar.php)

(No regular events occur in the 1st week of the month)

### 2nd Sunday

- The worship committee will be meeting this afternoon on zoom starting at 1pm. The worship committee helps plan most aspects of your Sunday morning experience and all are welcome to attend
- At our worship service next Sunday, we will explore the topic: **Sermon Topic**, presented by **Rev. Murray**.
- Details about all church events are available on the church calendar located on our website.     [1stuu.org/calendar.php](http://1stuu.org/calendar.php)

(could post link in chat during announcements)

### 3rd Sunday

- The church board will be meeting this afternoon on zoom starting at 1pm. Guests are welcome.
- Tonight, the Film Crew will be showing the movie "Seeding Change: The Power of Conscious Commerce" for screening and discussion, starting at 7:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 16th.
- Later this week all are welcome to our 4th Thursday poetry reading night, starting at 6pm.
- This Friday, the Membership Committee will host "Chili at the Church" starting at 5pm. This is an in-person event located at the church.
- At our worship service next Sunday, we will explore the topic: **Sermon Topic** presented by **Rev. Murray**.
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#### 4th Sunday

- The membership committee and the Social Justice Committee will have separate meetings this afternoon on zoom starting at 1pm. Everyone is invited to join in
- At our worship service next Sunday, we will explore the topic: **Sermon Topic** presented by **Rev. Murray or Guest Speaker**
- Details about all church events are available on the church calendar located on our website. [1stuu.org/calendar.php](http://1stuu.org/calendar.php)

*Thank you, and now please enjoy our closing music.*

*Recessional (**Todd or Hannah**)*

**TBD**

*5-minute break*

*Coffee hour*