

## OUR GUEST PREACHER'S BIO



**Reverend Steven T. Savides:** is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is currently working on a PhD in Peace Studies and Theology at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, where he is affiliated with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Department of Theology. With an eye to designing effective peace processes, Steven studies the relationship between theology, trauma, resilience, and the moral imagination in post-conflict societies. Prior to moving to Akron, he served congregations in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Steven splits his time between South Bend and Akron, where his wife, Rev. Nanette Pitt, serves as senior minister at First Congregational Church on East Market Street.

## OUR GUEST MUSICIAN'S BIO



Our pianist for both services today is Robert Carlyon.

**Robert Carlyon** is completing his 19<sup>th</sup> year as director of music at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron. Prior to that, he served Fairlawn-West United Church of Christ as Director of Music/Organist for 22 years.

In 2014, he retired from the Revere Local School System after 35 years of teaching. He continues to be a vocal director for the Revere Players. He has helped produce twenty musicals at Revere High School.