

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
March 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music	Main Street	Susan Hotchkiss by Clif Hardin
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Sarah Person
Call to Worship	Invocation	by Angela Herrera
Hymn	Gather Your Light Around (See page 2)	Matt Meyer
Chalice Lighting		Rev. Sarah
Chalice Lighting Response	May We Shine a Light of Love Words & Music by Joyce Poley	
	May we shine a light of love, May we shine a light of love, With ev'ry thought, With ev'ry step we take May we shine a light of love.	
Musical Offering	Why, Why Worry	Matt Meyer
Message for All Ages	My First Drum Lesson	by Matt Meyer
Time of Meditation & Prayer		
Call to Prayer	Spirit of Life Words & Music by Carolyn McDade	
	Spirit of life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	
Prayer		Rev. Sarah
Hymn	One More Step (See page 3)	
Sermon	It Takes Practice	Matt Meyer
Offertory	Oye Mi Gente	by Peace Poets
Hymn	I Am Willing (See page 4)	
Unison Benediction	Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Return to no person evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all beings.	
Sung Benediction	Go Lifted Up Words & Music by Mortimer Barron	
	Go lifted up, Love bless your way, moonlight, starlight guide your journey into peace and the brightness of day.	
Postlude	Percussion Improvisation	Matt Meyer

This morning we welcome Matt Meyer to the pulpit. Matt is a musician and community organizer who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana and Central America. Matt serves as Director of Community Life for Sanctuary Boston and is a co-founder of the UU Songleaders Convergence.

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**Gather Your Light Around**

by Matt Meyer

**Chorus:**

**Gather your light around, Gather your light around!**

**Gather your light around, Bring all, all that you are.**

Don't leave your broken heart at the door.

Don't leave your broken heart at the door.

Bring it with you, bring it with you.

To the altar of life.

**Chorus**

Bring your joy, bring your passion.

Bring your courage and your conviction.

Bring them with you, bring them with you.

To the altar of life.

**Chorus**

Bring your healing and your need to be healed.

Bring your healing and your need to be healed.

Bring them with you, bring them with you.

There is work, work here to do.

**Chorus (3X)**

## ***One More Step***

Words & Music by Joyce Poley

One more step, we will take one more step,  
'til there is peace for us and everyone,  
we'll take one more step.

One more word, we will say one more word,  
'til every word is heard by everyone,  
we'll say one more word.

One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,  
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,  
We'll say one more prayer.

One more song, we will sing one more song,  
'til every song is sung by everyone,  
we'll sing one more song.

## *I Am Willing*

by Holly Near

I am open and I am willing  
To be hopeless would seem so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family  
There is sorrow in my town  
There is panic in the nation  
There is wailing the whole world round

May the children see more clearly  
May the elders be more wise  
May the winds of change caress us  
Even though it burns our eyes

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion  
Give me a desert to hold my fears  
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder  
Give me an ocean to hold my tears