

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*  
*June 21, 2020* *Celebration Sunday*

Organ Prelude *Flute Piece* by William Hine

**Welcome and Announcements** **Sarah Person**

***We honor the fathers among us:  
The fathers who raise us, and do their best by us  
The fathers who guide us, play with us, lead us, support us  
The childless ones who cherish and mentor the next generations  
The fathers to be, who dream of us, and delight in our prospect,  
The fathers who never forgot us and whom we will never forget  
We honor them all.***

Hymn *Open Your Windows and Sing (See page 4)*

Opening Words *Words of Celebration (In unison)*

***We greet one another as members and friends of this Society.  
We rejoice in our search for truth, our concern for justice,  
and our deepening of the spirit.  
We join with one another that through common effort  
we may better shape the meaning of our lives.  
May we be together in love.  
May we be together in peace.  
May we be together in hope.***

Chalice Lighting *(Everyone can light their candles at home.)*

*Let There Be Light*

*by Andrew Pakula*

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.***

**A Very Different Flower Communion** (*Everyone hold up their flowers to the camera*)  
*Flower Communion Consecration* by Norbert Capek

**Conclusion** Excerpt from *The Invocation to Kali* (*In unison*) by May Sarton  
***Help us to be the always hopeful  
Gardeners of the spirit  
Who know that without darkness  
Nothing comes to birth  
As without light  
Nothing flowers.***

**Musical Offering** **Chalice Zoom Choir**  
*Down in the Valley to Pray*  
Trad., arr. Michael Pettersen

**Volunteer Appreciation**

**Recognition of Volunteers: A Litany** by Jay Libby

**Leader:** When there was a need, you came forward.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank you.***

**Leader:** In the nighttime or daytime, on weekends and even in the coldest, darkest part of the year, you helped.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank you.***

**Leader:** Elected and duly appointed or quietly, anonymously and unbidden, you did what needed doing.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank you.***

**Leader:** Sometimes with the help of many hands, other times alone, you worked.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank you.***

**Leader:** You gave your time, talent and even your treasure for the life of the congregation.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank you.***

**Leader:** Your families and loved ones supported you in your efforts, worried for you when things piled up and perhaps grumbled at you for the extent of your commitment.

**Congregation:** ***And so we thank your families and loved ones.***

**Leader:** For all things great and small you have given this congregation, we take time today to recognize,

**ALL:** ***To thank you and to honor you.***

**Message for All Ages**

*Rainbows in the Windows*

**Kelly Lownds**  
by Jenn Blosser

**Time of Meditation**

**Call to Meditation**                      *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.***

**Meditation**                                      *Summer Promise*

**Sermon**    *What Do We Celebrate*                      **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Offertory**    *Ashokan Farewell*                      **Patty Simon (flute)**  
by Jay Ungar

**Hymn**    *Blue Boat Home* (See page 5)

**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**    **Nancy Kidd, Ed Kidd, Patty Simon, Susan Hotchkiss**  
*Javanaise from Suite for Flute & Piano*  
by Claude Bolling

**Extinguishing the Chalice** (*Spoken in unison*)                      by Becky Laurent  
***As flame is to spirit, so spirit is to breath,***  
***and breath to song.***  
***Though we extinguish the flame in this sanctuary,***  
***may we tend it in our hearts until we meet again.***

**Music Notes**

*Kudos to today's singers in our third virtual choir project: Dody Adkins-Perry, Annie Giddings Kerwin, Bet Giddings, Sue Curtiss, Patty Simon, Nicola Wilbar, Valerie Fontaine, John Mullen, and Dan Hotchkiss.*

## Open Your Windows and Sing

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People in Italy worried  
What the next day would bring  
They couldn't visit their neighbors,  
But they could open their windows and sing.

### **CHORUS:**

**OPEN YOUR WINDOWS AND SING.  
OPEN YOUR WINDOWS AND SING!  
WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO  
OPEN YOUR WINDOWS AND SING.**

Only took one voice to start it,  
Two and then three joining in,  
Echoing off all the buildings,  
Making the narrow street ring!

Soon the song hit the airwaves  
Carrying hope on its wing,  
Rounding the world to greet us,  
Open your windows and sing.

## Blue Boat Home

Words: Peter Mayer  
Music: Roland Hugh Prichard

Though below me, I feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean  
still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder  
as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder,  
casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens  
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves upholding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me,  
sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born upon the fathoms,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,  
and the earth is my blue boat home.