

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*

*November 22, 2020*

*Thanksgiving Sunday*

**Prelude**                      *Rondo*                                      by R. Vaughan Williams

**Welcome and Announcements**                                      **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Hymn**    #68                      *Come, Ye Thankful People* (See page 3)

**Opening Words**

Excerpt from *Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863*

**Chalice Lighting** (*in unison*)                                      by Gary Kowalski  
(*Everyone can light their candles at home.*)

***With faith to face our challenges,  
with love that casts out fear,  
with hope to trust tomorrow,  
we accept this day as the gift it is:  
a reason for rejoicing.***

**Chalice Lighting Response**

*May We Shine a Light of Love*                                      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.***

**Message for All Ages**

*A Thanksgrieving Reflection*                                      **Kelly Lownds**  
by Isabel Call

**Prayer**                                      *A Thanksgiving Blessing*                                      by Naomi King

**Reading**                                      from *Deerfield Connecticut Historical Marker 1673-1973*

**Sermon**                                      *What They Didn't Teach Us*                                      **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Offertory**                                      *Meditation on Breathing*                                      **Jeannie Gagné**  
by Sarah Dan Jones

**Offertory Response**

#402                                      *From You I Receive*                                      by Joseph and Nathan Segal  
***From you I receive, to you I give,  
together we share, and from this we live.***

Hymn #1010 *We Give Thanks (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**

#1057

*Go Lifted Up*

by Mortimer Barron

***Go lifted up,  
Love bless your way,  
moonlight, starlight guide your journey into peace  
and the brightness of day.***

**Extinguishing the Chalice (In unison)**

by Brian Kiely

***The Chalice is extinguished,  
but its light lives on in the minds  
and the hearts and the souls of each one of us.***

***Let us carry the flame with us and  
share it with those we know,  
with those we love, and most  
especially, with those we have yet to meet.***

**Postlude**

*Ostinato from Suite Antique*

**Patty Simon, flute**

by John Rutter

*Music Notes*

*Kudos to Jeannie Gagné, former music director at FUUSM, for her jazz rendition of Meditation on Breathing. Special thanks also to Patty Simon for today's postlude. An "ostinato" is a repeating rhythmic pattern, and this one is especially fun to play.*

## **Come, Ye Thankful People**

Words: Henry Alford  
Music: George Job Elvey

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise a song of harvest home:  
fruit and crops are gathered in,  
safe before the storms begin;  
God, our Maker, will provide  
for our needs to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise a song of harvest home.

All the world is but a field,  
given for a fruitful yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
here for joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
God of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

## **We Give Thanks**

Words & music: Wendy Luella Perkins

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,  
For all gather'd here, and those far away;  
For this time we share with love and care,  
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