

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

November 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Prelude VIII: Girl with the Flaxen Hair*
by Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Hymn #89 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (See page 4)*

Call to Worship *An Advent for Unitarian Universalists excerpt*
by Rev. Fred L. Hammond

Lighting of the Advent Candle *(in unison)*
***Against the darkness winter brings,
We light the first candle of the Advent wreath
for the gift of peace.
May we all be bearers of peace in our world.***

Lighting of the Chalice *(in unison)*
(Everyone can light their candles at home.)
***For every spark of hope,
for every beacon of sanity,
for every flame of justice,
for every shining moment of love,
we light this chalice.***

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 *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* **Kelly Lownds**
by Patricia Polacco

Prayer

Responsive Reading *We Are Waiting* by Leslie Takahashi

Reader: This is the season of anticipation,
Of expecting, of hoping, of wanting.
This is the time of expecting the arrival of something -
or someone.

Congregation: ***We are waiting.***

This is the time of living in darkness, in the hues
of unknowing.
Of being quiet, of reflecting on a year almost past.
Waiting for a new beginning, for a closing or an end.
This is the time for digesting the lessons of days gone past,
anticipating the future for which

We are waiting.

Waiting for a world which can know justice
Waiting for a lasting peace.
Waiting for the bridge to span the divides
which separate us.
Waiting for a promise or a hope.
For all of this

We are waiting.

Sermon **Rev. Sarah Person**

Just When We Start Opening Doors

Offertory *Heartsounds* by David Lanz

Hymn #1008 *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* (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

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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.***

Organ Postlude

La Linotte Effarouchee (The Startled Bird)

by François Couperin

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Words: George Herbert
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

Words & Music: Joyce Poley
Keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett

Chorus:

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

Verse 1

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

Verse 2

When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

Verse 3

When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

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