

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
December 20, 2020 *Family Worship Service*

Prelude **Annie Giddings Kerwin & Patrick Giddings**
by John Lennon
Imagine

Welcome and Announcements **Kelly Lownds**

Hymn #235 *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly* (See page 3)

Call to Worship **Conor Dragunas**
by Gwen Matthews
You Are the Holiday Miracle

Opening Words **Emmet Gunn and Nicole Sykes**
by Shari Woodbury
Open to Awe

Lighting of the Advent Candles **Sebastian Dargelis**
by David Breeden
Fourth Sunday

(In unison)

***Against the darkness winter brings,
we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath
for the gift of love.***

May we all be bearers of the gift of love.

Lighting of the Chalice **Sebastian Dargelis**
(Everyone can light their candles at home.)
Come We Now Out of the Darkness by Annie Foerster

Chalice Lighting Response by Joyce Poley
May We Shine a Light of Love

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 **Christine and Jesse Hoyle**
by Darren Saunders
The Alternative Christmas Tree

Reading **Annabel Caramelo**
by Sophia Lyon Fahs
*For So the Children Come
from Signs of Our Faith*

Prayer **Owen Kidd**
by D. Scott Cooper
We Imagine a Path

Meditation and Moment of Silence

*Let's take a moment to relax and settle in our chairs
and reflect on the following words.*

Homily

Kelly Lownds and All the Children

A Few of Our Favorite Things

Offertory

Here Comes the Sun by George Harrison/Beatles

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

There Is a Love (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)

Conor Dragunas

***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

Minuets from 1st Cello Suite **Edward Kidd, marimba**
by J. S. Bach

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

Traditional Welsh Carol

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

There Is a Love

by Rebecca Parker/Elizabeth Norton

(sing both verses once, repeat both verses as a round)

There is a Love holding me.
There is a Love holding all that I love.
There is a Love holding all.
I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.
There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all.
We rest in this Love.