

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *A Canticle of Peace* by Franklin Ritter

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Hymn **Led by Dody Adkins-Perry, Jim Bonnar,
Dorine Levasseur, and Nicola Wilbar**
JC #9 *Hold On (Eyes on the Prize) (See page 4)*

Responsive Call to Worship by Nelson Mandela

Reader: We understand it still that there is no easy road to freedom.

**Congregation: *We know it well that none of us acting alone
can achieve success.***

We must therefore act together as a united people, for national reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world.

Let there be justice for all.

Let there be peace for all.

Let there be work, bread, water, and salt for all.

Let each know that for each the body, the mind
and the soul have been freed to fulfill themselves.

Let freedom reign.

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

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 **Gil Cote**

Is There Really a Human Race?

by Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell

Joys and Concerns

*Take a brief moment to share what is uppermost in your mind,
or the name of someone you ask us to hold in our hearts and prayers.*

Meditation

Reading Excerpt from *Sacred Ground* by Eboo Patel

Sermon *Inauguration Redux* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
African American Spiritual, set by John Carter

Closing Words by Abraham Heschel

Hymn **Led by Sarah Person and Andrea Priest**
May the Work I've Done (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 #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 **Dan Hotchkiss, baritone**
On Eagle's Wings
by Michael Joncus, arr. Mark Hayes
Text from Psalm 91 & Joncus

Music Notes:

- *The first hymn today (Hold On) is an African American Spiritual which was transcribed in 2017 for the Justice Choir Songbook, Volume 1. Members of our Racial Justice Taskforce are today's song leaders: Dody Adkins-Perry, Jim Bonnar, Dorine Levasseur, and Nicola Wilbar.*
- *The second hymn is a gospel song written by Sullivan and Lola Pugh, better known as The Consolers. The song leaders are Rev. Sarah and Andrea Priest.*
- *Kudos to Dan Hotchkiss for singing "On Eagle's Wings" for the Postlude, the text of which was quoted by President-elect Joseph Biden in his acceptance speech.*

Hold On (Eyes on the Prize)

African American Spiritual
Transcribed by Justice Choir, 2017

Verse 1

Oh, the one thing we did right was the day we started to fight.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!
Got my hand on the freedom plow, wouldn't take nothin' for my journey now.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!

REFRAIN (sing twice):

Hold on! Hold on!
Keep your eyes on the prize.
Hold on!

Verse 2

Only chains that we can stand, are the chains of hand in hand.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!
We're gonna board that big Greyhound, carryin' love from town to town.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on! (REFRAIN)

Verse 3

Many good souls have fought and died, so we could sing here side by side.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!
When united it is clear, we don't have to live in fear.
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on! (REFRAIN)

May the Work I've Done

by The Consolers

May the work I've done speak for me
May the work I've done speak for me
If I fall short of my goal, someone else come take a hold
May the work I've done speak for me.

May the truth I've told speak for me
May the truth I've told speak for me
If I fall short of my goal, someone else come take a hold
May the truth I've told speak for me.

May the love I share speak for me
May the love I share speak for me
If I fall short of my goal, someone else come take a hold
May the love I share speak for me.