

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

February 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Regrets and Energized* by Robert D. Vandall
From Modes and Moods

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words #564 *Love Is Not Concerned* by Alice Walker

Hymn #86 *Blessed Spirit of My Life* (See page 3)

Chalice Lighting by Eric A. Heller-Wagner
(Everyone light their chalice candles at home.)

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 **Kelly Lownds**
The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend
by Dan Santat

Joys and Concerns will be shared at the start of our time of fellowship.

Prayer by Sarah Person

Reading Excerpt from *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson

Sermon *Siding with Love* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Organ Offertory *Allegro* by Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

Closing Words #560 *Commitment* by Dorothy Day

Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us* (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

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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.***

Postlude

Dan Hotchkiss

Stranger in Paradise

by Robert Wright & George Forrest

Music Notes

Today's prelude explores two "Modes" or scales that were popular in early music. There are seven modes, each slightly different, that convey different moods. Today we are familiar with mainly two modes, major (Ionian) and minor (Aeolian). Today's prelude explores Aeolian/minor (Regrets) and Mixolydian/jazz (Energized!).

Blessed Spirit of My Life

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife;
help me live with dignity; let me know serenity.

Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion.

When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me.

Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need.

Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition.

Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

Love Will Guide Us

Words: Hosea Ballou II
Music: Medieval French Melody

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.