

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

February 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *My Lord, What a Morning!*
African American Spiritual, arr. E. W. Hancock

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words **Jim Norris**
Imbolc by Salem Drake

Hymn # 29 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (See page 3)

Chalice Lighting (*Everyone light their chalice candles at home.*)
Chalice Lighter: *In the spirit of love I light this chalice.*
Congregation: *In the spirit of love.*

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**
The Contest between the Sun and the Wind
by Heather Forest

Joys and Concerns will be after the service during our Time of Fellowship
*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.*

Imbolc Meditation **Natalie Johnson**

Reading *The Lightest Touch* by David Whyte

Sermon *The Light of Returning* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Gavotte from Suite for Piano* by Clif Hardin

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.***

Closing Words

Faith **Frank Girard**
by David Whyte

Hymn

#118 *This Little Light of Mine* (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 Singalong

Here Comes the Sun (See page 5)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Words: Henry Van Dyke
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

This Little Light of Mine

Words & music: African American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Here Comes the Sun

by George Harrison

CHORUS

Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun

And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

CHORUS

Little darling, the smiles returning to their faces

Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

CHORUS

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes *(five times)*

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting

Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

CHORUS *(twice)*

Here comes the sun

Here comes the sun

And I say it's all right

It's all right