

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *Air* by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words by Margaret J. Wheatley

Hymn #1007 *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul* (See page 3)

Chalice Lighting *A Community of Faith (Excerpt)* by Judith L. Quarles
(Everyone light their chalice candles at home.)

In unison: ***As we light our chalice today, let us remember
that we are part of a great community of faith.
May this dancing flame inspire us to fill our lives with
the Unitarian Universalist ideals of love, justice and truth.***

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 Hundred Dresses

Kelly Lownds
by Eleanor Estes

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

Meditation *Meditation for a Beautiful Day* by Sara Campbell

Reading *Can We Restore Hope for the Future?*
From *Turning to One Another* by Margaret J. Wheatley

Sermon *One Year Later* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Amazing Grace*
by Virginia Harmony (1831), arr. John Carter

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

by Sister Helen Kelley

Hymn

#83 *Winds Be Still (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

The Dream of a Distant Drum

Bet Giddings
by Bet Giddings

Music Notes

Kudos to Bet Giddings for our Postlude today. Bet's offering is from her recent CD called "Golden Cities" produced in 2020. For more information, please visit www.betgiddings.com.

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

Words & music: Rose Sanders

There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart.
There's a river flowin' in my heart.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my heart.

There's a river flowin' in my mind.
There's a river flowin' in my mind.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my mind.

Winds Be Still

Words: Richard S. Kimball
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Winds be still.

Storm clouds pass and silence come.

Peace grace this time with harmony.

Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,
and in calm let all find tranquility.

Bird fly high.

Lift our gaze toward distant view.

Help us to sense life's mystery.

Fly high and far, and lead us each to see
how we move through the winds of eternity.

Light shine in.

Luminate our inward view.

Help us to see with clarity.

Shine bright and true so we may join our songs
in new sounds that become full symphony.