

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

May 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *Der Kaffeeklatsch & Marche* by Josef Haydn
From *Four Pieces for Flute Clocks*

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words by David Bumbaugh

Hymn # 1058 *Be Ours a Religion* (See page 4)

Chalice Lighting by Debra Faulk

Leader: A chalice lit in our midst is a symbol of our liberal faith;

Congregation: ***A faith built on the foundations of freedom, reason,
and welcome***

A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice

***A faith that envisions a world flourishing, with equality
for all people***

A faith that demands the living out of goodness

A faith that requires thoughtfulness

A faith of wholeness

All: ***This tiny flame is the symbol of the spark of all this
within each of us.***

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

Eating a Candle

Kelly Lownds

by Erika Hewitt

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

Prayer

Reading Excerpt from *The Promise & the Promise*

by Warren R. Ross

Sermon *What Were They Thinking?* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Springtime* by Bet Giddings
From *Piano Meditations* CD

Closing Words by Rebecca Parker

Hymn #168 *One More Step* (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 *The Eternal One*
by Elizabeth Alexander, Ralph Waldo Emerson

Music Notes

Kudos to Dan Hotchkiss for his interpretation of “The Eternal One,” filmed by Stephen Larrett for our New Year’s Eve Fundraiser, REBOOT 2020. The song was written by Elizabeth Alexander, a celebrated UU composer. The text is adapted from The Oversoul, written by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Kudos also to Bet Giddings for the wonderful improvisation from her CD of Piano Meditations.

Be Ours a Religion

Words: Theodore Parker
Music: Thomas Benjamin

Be ours a religion

which like sunshine goes everywhere,

its temple all space,

its shrine the good heart,

its creed all truth,

its ritual works of love.

One More Step

Words & Music: Joyce Poley

One more step,
we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.

One more word,
we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone,
we'll say one more word.

One more prayer,
we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we'll say one more prayer.

One more song,
we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone,
we'll sing one more song.