

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude *Rondo* by R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Hymn #68 *Come, Ye Thankful People* (See page 3)

Opening Words

Excerpt from *Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863*

Chalice Lighting (*in unison*) by Gary Kowalski
(*Everyone can light their candles at home.*)

***With faith to face our challenges,
with love that casts out fear,
with hope to trust tomorrow,
we accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.***

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

A Thanksgrieving Reflection **Kelly Lownds**
by Isabel Call

Prayer *A Thanksgiving Blessing* by Naomi King

Reading from *Deerfield Connecticut Historical Marker 1673-1973*

Sermon *What They Didn't Teach Us* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Meditation on Breathing* **Jeannie Gagné**
by Sarah Dan Jones

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.***

Hymn #1010 *We Give Thanks (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

Ostinato from Suite Antique

Patty Simon, flute

by John Rutter

Music Notes

Kudos to Jeannie Gagné, former music director at FUUSM, for her jazz rendition of Meditation on Breathing. Special thanks also to Patty Simon for today's postlude. An "ostinato" is a repeating rhythmic pattern, and this one is especially fun to play.

Come, Ye Thankful People

Words: Henry Alford
Music: George Job Elvey

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise a song of harvest home:
fruit and crops are gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise a song of harvest home.

All the world is but a field,
given for a fruitful yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
God of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

We Give Thanks

Words & music: Wendy Luella Perkins

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
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