

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

May 9, 2021

Mother's Day

Organ Prelude

With Trumpets and Horns
From *Water Music* by Frideric Handel, arr. Todd Kendall

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sarah Person

Opening Words

by James Baldwin

Hymn

118 *This Little Light of Mine* (See page 4)

Chalice Lighting (*in unison*)

by George Kimmich Beach

In the mystery of life about us there is light.
It gives us a place to be, to grow, to rejoice together.
It opens the pathways to love.
In this place of friendship there is freedom.
Let the light we kindle go before us,
Strong in hope, wide in good will,
Inviting the day to come.

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 Runaway Bunny

Kelly Lownds

by Margaret Wise Brown

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

Prayer for Mother's Day

*(Inspired by Rev. Katie Lee Crane "May Means Mother's Day,"
a reading available at uua.org)*

Responsive Reading *Your Children* as amended by Kahlil Gibran

Reader: Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

Congregation: ***They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.***
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.

***You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.***

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

***You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.***

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and bends you with might that the arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness.

Sermon *Dreaming of the Day* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *Contemplation*
From *Songs Without Words, Op. 30, #1* by Felix Mendelssohn

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 *Blessing* by Sylvia Boorstein

Hymn #95 *There Is More Love Somewhere* (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

Hallelujah!
Virtual Choir, Spring 2020

Chalice Choir
by Leonard Cohen

Music Notes

Today's Postlude was our first virtual choir project shared on April 26, 2020, Music Sunday. Kudos to Dan Hotchkiss for his tech work and to our singers: Dody Adkins-Perry, Katie Allen, Cindy & Rick Benard, Joan Breen, Sue Curtiss, Valerie Fontaine, Bet Giddings, Dan Hotchkiss, Jon Keene, Annie Kerwin, Dorine Levasseur, Mal Marvill, Josh McKiernan, John Mullen, Andrea & Ed Priest, Patty Simon, Tony Soares, Jeff Stevens, and Nicola Wilbar.

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.

There Is More Love Somewhere

Words & Music: African American hymn

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more hope somewhere.

There is more peace somewhere.
There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more peace somewhere.

There is more joy somewhere.
There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more joy somewhere.