# The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough March 6, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**Organ Prelude** 

Vesper Voluntary III, Op. 14

by Edward Elgar

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Rev. Sarah Person

**Opening Words** 

by Thomas Merton, adapted

**Hymn** #119 Once to Every Soul and Nation (See page 5)

**Chalice Lighting** (read responsively)

by Howard Thurman, adapted

(People at home can light their candles.)

Leader:

I confess my own inner confusion as I look out upon the world.

There is food for all –

Congregation: many are hungry.

There are clothes enough for all –

many are in rags.

There is room enough for all –

many are crowded.

There are none who want war –

conflict abounds.

All: Let thy light burn in me that I may,

from this moment on,

take effective steps within my own powers,

to live up to the light and

courageously to pay for the kind of

world I so deeply desire.

**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.

### **Musical Offering**

**Chalice Ensemble** 

Caged Bird from Like Dust I Rise

Text by Maya Angelou, Music by Mark Hayes

Message for All Ages

**Kelly Lownds** 

Marlene, Marlene, the Queen of Mean

by Jane Lynch

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

**Meditation** *It Is That Time and That Place* 

by Qiyamah Rahman

**Hymn** #1031 Filled with Loving Kindness (See page 6)

**Reading** Faith

by David Whyte

**Sermon** To Be Brave in Our New World

Rev. Sarah Person

**Offertory** Waltz, Op. 36, No. 3

by Amy Marcy Beach (1867-1944)

**Closing Words** 

Our Time Together Is Finished

by Martha Kirby Capo, adapted

Hymn

#1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul (See page 7)

## **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** Go Your Way in Peace

by Jim Scott

Go your way in peace, wander as you may, Blessed is the path you take: may love guide you on your way.

# **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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee by Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Tom Birchwood

#### Music Notes

The musical offering is based on the poetry of Maya Angelou. Kudos to the Chalice Choir singers in today's ensemble: Dody Adkins-Perry, Katie Allen, Nancy Backus, Jim Bonnar, Joan Breen, Dan Hotchkiss, Mal Marvill, Andrea Priest, Ed Priest, Tony Soares, Jeff Stevens, and Nicola Wilbar,

Today's offertory is a short piano piece written by Amy Marcy Beach, whose "Gaelic Symphony" was the first composition by an American woman performed by the New York Philharmonic in 1896.

Our closing hymn (There's a River Flowin' in My Soul) was written by Rose Sanders (born 1945), a 1969 graduate of Harvard Law School, civil rights attorney, activist, and Alabama's first black woman judge. She is also a songwriter and playwright, known since 2002 by her chosen name, Faya Ora Rose Touré.

# **Once to Every Soul and Nation**

Words: James Russell Lowell Music: Thomas John Williams

Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side: then to stand with truth is noble, when we share its wretched crust; ere that cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong; though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong. Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside, till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

## **Filled with Loving Kindness**

Words: Traditional Buddhist Meditation; adapted by Mark W. Hayes

Music: Ian W. Riddell

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be peaceful and at ease.

May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.

May you be peaceful and at ease.

May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.

May we be peaceful and at ease.

May we be whole.

## There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

Words & music: Rose Sanders

arr. Kenny Smith

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.