

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*

March 13, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Organ Prelude**                    *Andante and Menuett*                    by Joseph Haydn  
from *Four Pieces for Flute Clocks*

**Welcome and Announcements**                    **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Opening Words** *(in unison)*  
**All: We come together to share hope.**

**Hymn**                    #6                    *Just as Long as I Have Breath* *(See page 5)*

**Chalice Lighting** *(in unison)*  
**All: Welcoming light that shows our way.**

**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**                    **Mal Marvill**  
*I Am Light*                    by India Arie Simpson, arr. Maria Johanna  
from *Beyond the Lights*

**Message for All Ages**                    **Kelly Lownds**  
*Guess How Much I Love You*                    by Sam McBratney

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

**Sharing in Six Words a Personal Story/Thought/Memory That Helped Me Get Through**

**Meditation**                    *The Wind Is Bearing Me Across the Sky*                    by Victoria Safford

**Hymn**                    #1058 *Be Ours a Religion* *(See page 6)*

**Sharing in Six Words a Personal Story/Thought/Memory That Helped Me Get Through**

**Reading**                      *The Journey*    by David Whyte

**Sermon**                      *Six Word Stories*    **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Offertory**                      *Homeward Bound*    by Marta Keen

**Closing Words** (*in unison*)

**All:** *We move boldly into the unknown.*

**Hymn**                      #347 *Gather the Spirit* (*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**

#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.*

State Anthem of Ukraine  
Shche Ne Vmerla Ukraina

by Paylo Chubynski & Mikhail Verbytskyi

Shche ne vmerla Ukraina, ni slava, ni volia  
Sche nam, brattya molodiyi usmikhnetsia dolia  
Zghynut' nashi vorizen'ky, y rosa na sontsi  
Zapanuyem i my, brattya, u svoli storontsi  
Dushu, tilo my poloshym za nashu sobodu  
I pokazhem, scho my, brattya kozats'koho rodu  
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Ukraine's freedom has not yet perished, nor has her glory,  
Upon us, fellow Ukrainians, fate shall smile once more.

Our enemies will vanish like dew in the sun  
And we too shall rule, brothers, in a free land of our own.

Refrain:

We'll lay down our souls and bodies to attain our freedom,  
and we'll show that we, brothers, are of the Cossack nation.

We'll stand together for freedom, from the Syan to the Don,  
We will not allow others to rule in our motherland.

### *Music Notes*

*Kudos to Mal Marvill for sharing her beautiful solo recording from a concert by “Persephone’s Daughters” for our musical offering today. Kudos also to members of the Chalice Choir who are lending their voices to today’s postlude: Dody Adkins-Perry, Nancy Backus, Jim Bonnar, Joan Breen, Mal Marvill, Marc MacQueen, Patty Simon, and Jeff Stevens.*

*Today, standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, we are humming a tune that is known as the State Anthem of Ukraine, sometimes called the Ukrainian National Anthem. The lyrics are a slightly modified version of the first stanza of a patriotic poem written in 1862 by the poet Paylo Chubynsky, from Kyiv. A western Ukrainian composer and priest, Mykhailo Verbytsky, wrote the music to accompany the text in 1863. The first choral performance of the piece was at the Ukraine Theatre in Kyiv in 1864.*

## **Just as Long as I Have Breath**

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter  
Music: Johann G. Ebeling

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, “Yes,” to life;  
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.  
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, “Yes,” to truth;  
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.  
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, “Yes,” to love;  
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.  
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, “Yes,” to love.

## **Be Ours a Religion**

Words: Theodore Parker  
Music: Thomas Benjamin

*(sing twice)*

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.

# Gather the Spirit

Words & music: Jim Scott

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

## **Chorus:**

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
with body and spirit united once more.

## Chorus

Gather the spirit growing in all,  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
the chorus of life resounding as one.

## Chorus