

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

March 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Gigue and Tambourin by Elisabetta de Gambarini
(1731-1765)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sarah Person

Call to Worship #419 *Look to this day!*

attributed to Kalidasa

Hymn #1068 *Rising Green* (*See page 5*)

Chalice Lighting (*in unison*) by Amarette Calloway

*In memory of all the flames that didn't die --
in the midst of darkness,
in spite of the darkness,
we light this flame today.*

**“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.”** (John 1:5 NRSV)

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

Katie Allen & Bet Giddings

Remember the Ladies

by Abigail Adams & Carol Barnett

The complete unabridged text in Abigail's letter dated March 31, 1776, is as follows:

"I long to hear that you have declared an independency—and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies. Be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could; that your sex are naturally tyrannical is a truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute. Why then not put it out of the power of the vicious and the lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies we are determined to ferment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation. But such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of master for the more tender and endearing one of friend. Adieu. I need not say how much I am your ever faithful friend."

- Abigail Adams

Message for All Ages

Kelly Lownds

Grace for President

by Kelly DiPucchio

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

Prayer

by Kathleen McTigue, adapted

Hymn

#124 *Be That Guide (See page 6)*

Responsive Reading

#464 *And Then*

by Judy Chicago

Leader: And then all that has divided us will merge

Congregation: ***And then compassion will be wedded to power***

And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind

And then both men and women will be gentle

And then both women and men will be strong

And then no person will be subject to another's will

And then all will be rich and free and varied

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many

And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old

And then all will nourish the young

And then all will cherish life's creatures

And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth

And then everywhere will be called Eden once again

Sermon

Rules to Be Broken

Rev. Sarah Person

Offertory

Berceuse (Lullaby)

by Wanda Landowska
(1879-1959)

Closing Words

from *Matins*

by John O'Donohue

Hymn

#1026 *If Every Woman in the World* (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.*

Postlude

Swedish Melody

arr. Cindy Berry

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## Music Notes

*Kudos to our singers today: song leaders Jeff Stevens and Tony Soares, and soloists Katie Allen and Bet Giddings. The musical offering is a soprano-alto duet based on a letter written by Abigail Adams to her husband, John, asking him to “remember the ladies.” Abigail was in Braintree, running the farm and raising four children, while John was in Philadelphia, working on the proposed Constitution at the Second Continental Congress.*

## Rising Green

Words & music: Carolyn McDade  
arr. Jim Scott

My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak,  
her sap doth run in my veins.

Boundless my soul like the open sky  
where the stars forever have lain.

Where the stars, where the stars,  
where the stars forever have lain.

My hands hold the weavings of time without end,  
my sight as deep as the sea.

Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old,  
that of love's eternity.

That of love, that of love,  
that of love's eternity.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon,  
rushing on a far distant sand.

Winging my song is the wind of my breast  
and my love blows over the land.

And my love, and my love,  
and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new,  
our dreaming shows us the way.

Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth,  
rising green to bring a new day.

Rising green, rising green,  
rising green to bring a new day.

## **Be That Guide**

Words: Carl G. Seaburg  
Music: Thomas Benjamin

Be that guide whom love sustains.

Rise above the daily strife:  
lift on high the good you find.

Help to heal the hurts of life.

Be that helper nothing daunts —  
doubt of friend or taunt of foe.

Ever strive for liberty.

Show the path that life should go.

Be that builder trusting good,  
bitter though the test may be:  
through all ages they are right,  
though they build in agony.

Be that teacher faith directs.

Move beyond the old frontier:  
though the frightened fear that faith,  
be tomorrow's pioneer!

## If Every Woman in the World

Words: Karen MacKay (verse 1); Nancy L. Nordlie (verses 2-4)  
Music: Karen MacKay  
arr. Jerome Kyles; ed. by Nancy L. Nordlie

If ev'ry woman in the world had her mind set on freedom,  
if ev'ry woman in the world dreamed a sweet dream of peace,  
if ev'ry woman of ev'ry nation,  
young and old, each generation,  
held her hands out in the name of love,  
there would be no more war.

If ev'ry man in the world had his mind set on freedom,  
if ev'ry man in the world dreamed a sweet dream of peace,  
if ev'ry man of ev'ry nation,  
young and old, each generation,  
held his hands out in the name of love,  
there would be no more war.

If ev'ry leader in the world shared a vision,  
if ev'ry leader in the world shared a sweet dream of peace,  
if ev'ry leader of ev'ry nation,  
young and old, each generation,  
worked for justice and liberation,  
holding hands out in the name of love,  
there would be no more war.

If ev'ry nation in the world set a true course for freedom,  
if ev'ry nation raised its children in a culture of peace,  
if all our sons and all our daughters  
reached in friendship across the waters,  
refusing to be enemies,  
there would be no more war.