

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*  
*April 3, 2022* *10:30 a.m.*

**Organ Prelude** *Arioso* by J. S. Bach

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

**Opening Words** *Reach the Place of Self*  
by Ma Theresa Gustillo Gallardo

**Hymn** #128 *For All That Is Our Life (See page 4)*

**Chalice Lighting** (*in unison*)  
*In Times of Cold We Seek the Warming Fire*  
by Brian Kiely

*In times of darkness we stumble towards the tiny flame.*

*In times of cold we seek the warming fire.*

*In times of repression we reach for the lamp of truth.*

*In times of loss we pray for the comforting light.*

*In times of joy we light a candle of celebration.*

*Spirit of Life, as we kindle this light,*

*help us find what we need this day.*

**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** *Healing Waters* **Chalice Choir**  
by Clif Hardin

**Message for All Ages** *Zen Story: A Cup of Tea* **Kelly Lownds**  
author unknown

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

**Prayer** by Sarah Person

**Hymn** #125 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power (See page 5)*

**Reading** *The Hands of Our Fathers* by Jessica Star Rockers

**Sermon** *The Gift of Presence* **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Offertory** *Consolation* by Felix Mendelssohn  
*From Song Without Words, Op. 30, #3*

**Closing Words** by Wayne B. Arnason

**Hymn** #1021 *Lean on Me (See page 6)*

**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**

*Simple Gifts*

American folk tune set by John Carter

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*Music Notes*

*Kudos to our singers today: Katie Allen, Nancy Backus, Holly Begley,  
Joan Breen, Sue Curtiss, Bet Giddings, Marc MacQueen, Mal Marvill,  
Andrea Priest, Ed Priest, Patty Simon, Tony Soares, Jeff Stevens, and  
Nicola Wilbar.*

## **For All That Is Our Life**

Words: Bruce Findlow  
Music: Patrick L. Rickey

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift which we are called to use  
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,  
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;  
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,  
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:  
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift which we are called to use  
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

## **From the Crush of Wealth and Power**

Words: Kendyl L. R. Gibbons

Music: Peter Cutts

From the crush of wealth and power something broken in us  
all waits the spirit's silent hour pleading with a poignant call,  
bind all my wounds again.

Even now our hearts are wary of the friend we need so much.  
When I see the pain you carry, shall I, with a gentle touch,  
bind all your wounds again?

When our love for one another makes our burdens light to bear,  
find the sister and the brother, hungry for the feast we share;  
bind all their wounds again.

Ev'ry time our spirits languish terrified to draw too near,  
may we know each other's anguish and, with love that casts out fear,  
bind all our wounds again.

## Lean on Me

Words & music: Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives  
we all have pain,  
we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise  
we know that there's  
always tomorrow.

### *Chorus:*

**Lean on me when you're not strong  
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,  
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need  
somebody to lean on.**

Please swallow your pride  
if I have things  
you need to borrow,  
For no one can fill  
those of your needs  
that you won't let show.

### *Chorus*

If there is a load  
you have to bear  
that you can't carry,  
I'm right up the road,  
I'll share your load  
if you just call me.

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge:*

Just call on me brother when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

### *Chorus*