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

Organ Prelude Three Watercolors No. 2 by Gregory Hamilton

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Sarah Person

Opening Words We Believe by Patrick Murfin

Hymn #260 Oshana, Shira Oshana (See page 4)

Chalice Lighting by Charles F. Flagg

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 Bet Giddings

Were You There African American Spiritual

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds

Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss

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

Meditation by Sarah Person

Hymn #1012 When I Am Frightened (See page 5)

Reading The Journey by Mary Oliver

Sermon The Question of Fate Rev. Sarah Person

Offertory Sonata VII by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

From Seven Last Words of Christ

Closing Words On the Pulse of Morning (excerpt) by Maya Angelou

Hymn #1030 Siyahamba (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 #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 Twilight Musings by Martha Mier

Music Notes

Kudos to our soloist, Bet Giddings, for her special musical offering of the spiritual, "Were You There." Kudos also to song leaders from the Chalice Choir: Nancy Backus, Holly Begley, Tony Soares, Jeff Stevens, and Patty Simon.

Today's offertory has an interesting history. The original orchestral version of "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Haydn was commissioned in 1786 for a Good Friday service. Ten years later, Haydn set it in a choral version which was sung before the pandemic by Middleboro's Mayflower Camarata, directed by Fred Thornton. Haydn also approved an arrangement for keyboard. Each movement reflects on one of the seven statements made by Christ on the cross. The seventh sonata is a meditation on the words "Into thy hands, Lord, I commend my spirit."

Oshana, Shira Oshana

Words: From Mark 11:9 Music: Traditional Hebrew

Oshana, shira oshana!

Oshana, shira oshana!

Oshana, shira oshana!

Oshana ha navi hava vshem Adonai.

When I Am Frightened

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham arr. Jeannie Gagné

When I am frightened, will you reassure me?
When I'm uncertain, will you hold my hand?
Will you be strong for me, sing to me quietly?
Will you share some of your stories with me?
If you will show me compassion,
then I may learn to care as you do,
then I may learn to care.

When I am angry, will you still embrace me?
When I am thoughtless, will you understand?
Will you believe in me, stand by me willingly?
Will you share some of your questions with me?
If you will show me acceptance,
then I may learn to give as you do,
then I may learn to give.

When I am troubled, will you listen to me?
When I am lonely, will you be my friend?
Will you be there for me, comfort me tenderly?
Will you share some of your feelings with me?
If you will show me commitment,
then I may learn to love as you do,
then I may learn to love.

Siyahamba

(We Are Marching)

Words & music: South Africa, 20th Cent. ed. Anders Nyberg

Zulu:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siya hamb' ekukhanyen' siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

English:

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of God.