

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
April 24, 2022 *10:30 a.m.*

Prelude	Patty Simon (native flute) & Barry Simon (percussion) <i>Zuni Sunrise/Sioux Chant</i>	Trad., improvisation
Welcome and Opening Words		Natalie Johnson
Honoring the Elements Chalice Lighting Dedication		Frank Girard & Natalie Johnson by Thomas Berry
Reading	<i>A Lovely Old Tree</i>	Jim Norris by Patricia A. Fleming
Reading	Frank Girard, Tanya Trzeciak, Natalie Johnson <i>Love Letter to Mother Earth I</i>	by Thich Nhat Hanh
Congregational Song	#1070 <i>Mother I Feel You</i> (See page 3)	Led by Chalice Ensemble
Reading	<i>I AM</i>	Natalie Johnson by Tarin Ann Vincent
Poem	<i>Earthside</i>	Sandy Smiley by Emily Keder
Reflection	<i>Remember</i>	Frank Girard by Joy Harjo
Meditation	<i>Remember</i>	MaMuse, featuring Claudia Cuentas (Used by permission)
Sermon	<i>Remember the Sacred</i>	Natalie Johnson
Offertory	Barry (hammered dulcimer) & Patty (percussion) <i>Rain on the Ice Pond</i>	by Barry Simon

Poem	<i>The Old Threads Are Unravelling</i>	Susie Sherman by Julie Meyer
Reading	<i>Solitude</i>	Sandy Smiley by Jan Phillips
Reflection	<i>What Are You Waiting For</i>	Tanya Trzeciak by Kai Seidenburg
Musical Offering	<i>Ancient Mother</i>	Chalice Ensemble Traditional Navaho Prayer
Reading	Frank Girard, Tanya Trzeciak, Natalie Johnson <i>Love Letter to Mother Earth X</i>	by Thich Nhat Hahn
Dismissing the Elements Extinguishing the Chalice		Frank Girard & Natalie Johnson
Closing Prayer	<i>Let Us Know Peace</i>	Tanya Trzeciak Cheyenne Prayer
Closing Reading	<i>We Who Are Alive Today</i>	Natalie Johnson by Jan Phillips
Postlude – Congregational Song	#1064 <i>Blue Boat Home</i> (See page 4)	

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*Music Notes*

*Special kudos to Patty and Barry Simon for their beautiful musical offerings. The prelude is an original improvisation on Zuni and Sioux chants. The offertory is an original composition by Barry, inspired by the ice pond at Star Island. Kudos also to our ensemble singers today: Dody Adkins-Perry, Nancy Backus, Holly Begley, Marc MacQueen, Ed & Andrea Priest, Patty Simon, and Jeff Stevens.*

## Mother I Feel You

Words & music: Windsong Dianne Martin

Mother I feel you under my feet,

Mother I hear your heart beat,

Chorus:

Heya heya heya ya heya heya ho,

Heya heya heya heya heya ho

Mother I hear you in the river song,

Eternal waters flowing on and on,

Chorus

Father I see you when the eagle flies,

Light of the Spirit, gonna take us higher.

Chorus

## Blue Boat Home

Words: Peter Mayer  
Music: Roland Hugh Prichard

Though below me, I feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean  
still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder  
as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder,  
casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens  
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves upholding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me,  
sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born upon the fathoms,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,  
and the earth is my blue boat home.