

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*  
*September 25, 2022* *10:30 a.m.*

Organ Prelude *Pastorale in F Major* by J. S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements Dorine Levasseur

Hymn\* #346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

Call to Worship #416 *Holy and beautiful the custom...*

Chalice Lighting Kelly Lownds

Chalice Lighting Response *May We Shine a Light of Love (See page 5)*

Musical Offering **Chalice Choir, Rob Dragunas on Bodhran**  
*We Shall Be Known*  
by Karisha Longaker (MaMuse); Arr. John Hubert

Message for all Ages Kelly Lownds  
*The Pear Tree and the Four Sons* Anonymous

Children's Call to R.E. Classes  
*Children's Blessing* by Jason Shelton  
***May your mind be open to new learning.***  
***May your lips bring truth into the world.***  
***May your heart know love,***  
***and your hands do the work of justice,***  
***as you go your way in peace,***  
***as you go your way in peace.***  
*(Children leave at this time.)*

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Prayer

Silence

Sung Response *Quiet Center (See page 5)*

Hymn\* #1053 *How Could Anyone*

## Responsive Reading

#593 *Liberation Is Costly*

## Sermon

**Rev. Peter Connolly**

*Judgment, Power, and Grace*

## Offertory

*Prelude II*

by George Gershwin

*The Cash in the Plate for the month of September is going to Vote Riders, a non-partisan, non-profit 501c3 organization whose mission is to ensure that all U.S. citizens over 18 years old are able to exercise their right to vote. Their website is [www.voteriders.org](http://www.voteriders.org).*

## Closing Words

#589 *Peace*

## Hymn\*

#1018 *Come and Go with Me*

## 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 (See page 5)*

## Postlude

**Freydeyl Emmet (Emma) Tetewsky**

*Shalom Aleichem (Peace Be Upon You)*

## Joys and Concerns

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

Greeters:

*Holly Begley and Jim Bonnar*

*Music Notes*

*Kudos to the Chalice Choir for singing John Hubert's four-part setting of "We Shall Be Known" by Karisha Longaker of MaMuse. This anthem was set for General Assembly the summer of 2019.*

*Special Kudos also to Freydeyl Emmet (Emma) Tetewsky for sharing a beautiful Jewish prayer that is often sung at the beginning of Shabbat on Friday evenings.*

*Office Hours*

*Rev. Peter Connolly's office hours are*

*Wednesdays*

*10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*and he is also available by appointment.*

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Child care for the littlest children or restless children is available in the Nursery Room.

Sunday School is back in person this year!! Church starts at 10:30, and we will be meeting during the church service. We head downstairs after the Message for All Ages around 10:45.

Enrollment is available at any time during the school year. You can find the enrollment form on the church website or see Kelly Lownds.

This year we are *Exploring Beyond Our Walls*. Every day our children are often faced with difficult decisions and situations. We will use moral tales and lessons to provide children with the spiritual and ethical tools they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values. Our youth will explore various types of worship as well and take some "field trips" to other religious services in the area.

Please consider volunteering to teach downstairs for a section of our program. We also need volunteers to help with plays and skits during the year as well as readers for our Message for All Ages during the service. Please contact [dre@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:dre@uumiddleboro.org) if you are interested.

*Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration*

**CHALICE LIGHTING RESPONSE:**

*May We Shine a Light of Love*

Words & Music 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.

**TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER:**

*Spirit of Life* (#123, gray hymnal)

Words & Music by Carolyn McDade

Spirit of life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

*Quiet Center*

by Shirley E. Murray/Beach Spring

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.  
Find the room for hope to enter;  
find the frame where we are freed.  
Clear the chaos and the clutter;  
clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

**SUNG BENEDICTIONS:**

*Go Lifted Up* (#1057 teal hymnal)

Words & Music by Mortimer Barron

Go lifted up, Love bless your way,  
moonlight, starlight guide your journey into peace  
and the brightness of day.

*Go Your Way in Peace* (sing twice)

by Jim Scott, adapted from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, K 622

Go your way in peace, Wander as you may,  
Blessed is the path you take: May love guide you on your way.