

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
January 22, 2023 *10:30 a.m.*

Chimes

Sebastian Glaspey

Organ Prelude

Carillon Toccata

by Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Tanya Trzeciak

Hymn*

#318

We Would Be One

Call to Worship

#502

“Now is the accepted time...”

Chalice Lighting

Eamon Gunn

Chalice Lighting Response

May We Shine a Light of Love (See last page)

Musical Offering

Prelude (Suite Antique)

Patty Simon, flute

by John Rutter

Message for all Ages

Lila Votes for the First Time by JeKaren Olaoya

Kelly Lownds

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

Hymn* #402 *From You I Receive*

Responsive Reading

#610 *The Journey of Love*

Sermon *A Year of Challenge and Growth* **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Offertory *Gymnopédie I* by Erik Satie (1866-1925)
The Cash in the Plate for the month of January is going to the Minister's Discretionary Fund, dedicated to helping veterans with fuel assistance and other needs.

Hymn* #1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Closing Words #486 "I am being driven forward..."

Sung Benediction *Go Lifted Up* (See last page)

Postlude *Ostinato (Suite Antique)* by John Rutter

Joys and Concerns

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.***

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeters: Viola Fairweather and Dorine Levasseur
Worship Associate: Tanya Trzeciak
Coffee Hour: Bill Howe
Stream Team: Dan Hotchkiss and Jeff Giddings

Music Notes

Kudos to Patty Simon for sharing her flute playing throughout today's service. Two of the selections are from John Rutter's Suite Antique for Flute and Piano, written by a modern composer in a Baroque style. The offertory was written by Erik Satie, whose simple and often quirky compositions were influential in early 20th century music, particularly in France.

Office Hours

Rev. Peter Connolly's office hours are Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rev. Connolly will not be available on the second Wednesday of the month as he will be attending the UUMA cluster meeting. He is available by appointment. Monday is the minister's day off. He will respond to emails and messages beginning on Tuesday of the week.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Nursery Care

Nursery care has been available during church. We have Niko Pucillo-Dunphy each week in the nursery, and they are supported by the DRE as well as adult volunteers if children are present.

RE Children's Classes

This year RE is *Exploring Beyond Our Walls* using the moral tales curriculum. The children have collected many marbles/glass gems for their gemstones of goodness. The children continue to share stories of their efforts to follow their moral compass.

Senior Youth Group

We are meeting today from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.

CALLS TO 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.