

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*  
*May 28, 2023* *10:30 a.m.*

Chimes

Emmett Gunn

Organ Prelude

*Land of Rest*

Appalachian Tune, set by Wilbur Held

Words of Welcome

Tanya Trzeciak

Hymn\*

#189

*Light of Ages and of Nations*

Call to Worship

#416

“Holy and beautiful the custom...”

by Robert French Leavens

Chalice Lighting

Eamon Gunn

Chalice Lighting Response

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

Musical Offering

*The Green Fields of France*

Ed Priest

by Eric Bogle

Message for All Ages

*Honoring Fallen Soldiers*

by Erika Hewitt and Paul S. Sawyer

Children’s Call to R.E. Classes *(Children leave at this time.)*

*Children’s Blessing*

by First UU Nashville Youth Choir

***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.***

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Prayer

Silence

**Hymn\*** #1002 *Comfort Me*

**Responsive Reading** #468 *We Need One Another* **Tanya Trzeciak**  
by George E. Odell

**Sermon** *In Memoriam* **Rev. Peter Connolly**

**Offertory** *I've Got Peace Like a River*  
Spiritual, set by Emma Lou Diemer

*The Cash in the Plate for the month of May is donated to The Trevor Project. The mission of The Trevor Project is to end suicide among LGBTQ+ youth and to build a safer, more-inclusive world. Together, we can make sure that LGBTQ+ young people who need support know they are not alone. Trevor also advocates against anti-LGBTQ laws and works with policymakers to pass legislation to protect LGBTQ youth.*

**Hymn\*** #1026 *If Every Woman in the World*

**Closing Words** #718 *All Souls* by May Sarton

**Sung Benediction** #1057 *Go Lifted Up* by Mortimer Barron

**Postlude** #148 *Let Freedom Span Both East and West*  
Spiritual, arr. Clif Hardin

**Announcements** **Rev. Peter Connolly**

**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.*

*Thank you to all who helped with today's service:*

*Greeters: Marc MacQueen, Niko Pucillo-Dunphy, Nicola Wilbar*  
*Worship Associate: Tanya Trzeciak*  
*Coffee Hour Host:*  
*Stream Team Member: Jeff Giddings*  
*Audio: Stephen Larrett*

### *Music Notes*

*Kudos to Ed Priest for today's Musical Offering. "The Green Fields of France" was written in 1976 by Eric Bogle, a Scottish-born Australian folk singer. The song was inspired by Bogle's visits to military cemeteries in Flanders and Northern France and is a reflection on the young men who died in World War I, "the war to end all wars."*

### *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.*

*Church Website Address:*  
[www.uumiddleboro.org](http://www.uumiddleboro.org)

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### **Nursery Care**

Nursery care is available during the church service each week, courtesy of Niko Pucillo-Dunphy.

### **RE Children's Classes**

In May, as we *Explore Beyond Our Walls*, we will have an Indian and a Thai folktale. These will teach us about the golden rule making a difference in the world and about justice. We will be working on the gifts of thanks for the end of the year that will relate to our *Gems of Goodness* and also our lessons from *Moral Tales*. We will be preparing for the Youth Service scheduled for **June 4**.

### **Youth Group**

In May we will shift Youth Group to the first and third Sunday evenings. We are hoping to join in some spring activities that will bring us in contact with a variety of people and ideas that will support our learning. We are planning to participate in Pride Fest and in a social action project.

*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.