

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
(UU Middleboro)

January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Chimes

Eamon Gunn

Organ Prelude

Vesper Voluntary III, Op. 14

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Words of Welcome

Valerie Fontaine

Hymn*

#1008 *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*

Call to Worship

#606 *The Tao*

by Lao-Tse

Chalice Lighting

Lily Velez

Chalice Lighting Response

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

Musical Offering

Patty Simon & Susan Hotchkiss

The Girl with the Flaxen Hair

by Claude Debussy

Unison Reading

Creating a caring community is the promise of our church. To listen deeply, show compassion, build trust, and honor our differences: these things we covenant together.

Message for All Ages

Kelly Lownds

The Paper Bag Princess

by Robert Munsch

Children's Call to R.E. Classes *Children leave at this time.*

Children's Blessing (See last page)

by First UU Nashville Youth Choir

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Prayer

Silence

Hymn* #374 *Since What We Choose* (Tune #372)

Responsive Reading #596 *Boundless Goodwill* **Valerie Fontaine**
from the *Metta Sutta*

Sermon *Claiming Our Destiny* **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Offertory Solfeggio by C.P.E. Bach
The Cash in the Plate for the month of January will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Hymn* #121 *We'll Build a Land*

Closing Words #505 “Let us be at peace with our bodies and our minds.”
by Thich Nhat Hanh

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.*

Postlude *First Arabesque* by Claude Debussy
Transcribed by Gaston Choïsnel

Announcements **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Joys and Concerns **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Sung Benediction
#1057 *Go Lifted Up (See last page)*
by Mortimer Barron

* Please stand as you are able.

Our Mission:

To create and sustain a welcoming and caring community that embodies our UU principles, inspires spiritual growth without dogma or creed, and promotes and serves racial and social justice.

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

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Dorine Levasseur et al.</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Valerie Fontaine</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>Stephen Larrett</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Jeff Giddings</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Barista:</i>	<i>Jeff Stevens</i>

Music Notes

Kudos to Patty Simon for sharing her lovely flute on two of Debussy's most celebrated piano compositions. Today's offertory was written by C.P.E. Bach, one of the sons of the master, Johann Sebastian Bach.

Membership

If you would like to join our church, please speak to the minister after the service or call the church office at 508-947-1935. New members are asked to sign our membership book and will be officially welcomed into our church at a service during the church year.

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:
<https://uumiddleboro.org>

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Build a Bear of Wholeness

This week we will continue our lesson about transitions, moves and friendships. Our story this week is *Owen and Mzee*. We will make friendship bracelets and share out stories about transitions.

Nursery During the Worship Service

Niko Pucillo-Dunphy and Jesse Hoyle offer child care during the church service. Please feel free to bring your infants and toddlers to have fun with Niko and Jesse while you are in the sanctuary participating in the service.

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting today from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will continue to talk about the next element — Air. Please join us for pizza and fun.

Our Whole Lives

The OWL class will be meeting next Sunday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Avis Clay Parlor.

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.

CHILDREN'S CALL TO R.E. CLASSES:

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.

SUNG BENEDICTION:

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.