

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
(UU Middleboro)

February 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Chimes

Organ Prelude

Allegro (Solo from a Concerto)

by Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

Words of Welcome

Diane Reed

Hymn*

#21

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Worship

Peter Connolly

Chalice Lighting

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

Musical Offering

In the Presence of the Past

Chalice Choir

by Nick Page

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

One Day a Dot

Kelly Lownds

by Ian Lendler

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* #86 *Blessed Spirit of My Life*

Responsive Reading **Diane Reed**
#655 *Change Alone is Unchanging*
by Heraklietos of Ephesos

Sermon *Mr. Darwin and His God* **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Offertory *Theme & Variations from Sonata K.331*
by Mozart
The Cash in the Plate for the month of February will be donated to the Brockton Area branch of the NAACP.

Hymn* #324 *Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads*

Closing Words #654 *Impassioned Clay* by Ralph N. Helverson

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 *Wondrous Love*
Walker's Southern Harmony, 1843; Set by John Carter

Announcements **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Joys and Concerns **Rev. Peter Connolly**

Sung Benediction
#1057 *Go Lifted Up (See lasty 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>Lois Aldrich & Gil Cote</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Diane Reed</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>JR Pucillo-Dunphy</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Jeff Giddings</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	<i>Stephen Larrett & Tony Soares</i>

Music Notes

Kudos to the Chalice Choir for today's Musical Offering. The composer of "In the Presence of the Past" is Nick Page, a UU singer and composer, who wrote this piece to commemorate the 1851 escape of a runaway slave from a Syracuse, NY jail. The end of the piece features two spirituals from that era. Also quoted is "The Storm Is Passing Over."

Today's offertory continues the exploration of "Theme and Variation" with Mozart's original theme and two different variations. The original piece is a theme and six variations.

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

Religious Exploration

Build a Bear of Wholeness: We will learn more about creating a home. In January we made hearths, and in February we will share the heart of our homes with each other and our families.

Nursery During the Worship Service

Niko Pucillo-Dunphy and Jesse Hoyle offer child care during the worship 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.

Our Whole Lives

Our OWL class meets today from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Avis Clay Parlor. Please note, we are working hard to respect the youths' privacy during the class and ensure they have a safe and separate place to meet in the Parlor.

Youth Group

Youth Group is cancelled today.

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.