

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough  
~UU Middleboro~

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

**Chimes**

**Organ Prelude**

*The Garden Walk*

by Gary Davidson

**Words of Welcome**

**Tony Soares**

**Hymn\***

#61

*Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

**Call to Worship**

#625

*An Eye for Miracles*

**Rev. Peter Connolly**

by Diego Valeri

**Chalice Lighting**

**Chalice Lighting Response** *May We Shine a Light of Love (See page 3)*

**Musical Offering**

*Alleluia*

**Chalice Choir**

by W. A. Mozart

**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.*

**Decorating the Easter Egg Tree**

**Kelly Lownds**

**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 Prayer and Contemplation

## Prayer Silence

Hymn\* #1012 *When I Am Frightened*

### Responsive Reading

#628 *Rolling Away the Stone* by Sara Moores Campbell

**Tony Soares**

### Sermon

*Passover, Ostara, Easter*

**Rev. Peter Connolly**

### Offertory

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Holy Manna)*

by William Moore, 1825, set by John Carter

*The Cash in the Plate this week will be donated to the Mashpee-based Native Land Conservancy, a Native-led land conservancy that is working to purchase additional land to expand the conservancy.*

Hymn\* #344 *A Promise through the Ages Rings*

Closing Words #643 *Shout for Joy*

Psalm 65

### 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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Hymn to Joy* by Beethoven, set by Tom Birchwood

### Announcements

**Rev. Peter Connolly**

### Joys and Concerns

**Rev. Peter Connolly**

### Sung Benediction

#1057 *Go Lifted Up*

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.*

### *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.*

*Interim Minister: Rev. Peter Connolly*  
*Director of Music: Susan Land Hotchkiss*  
*Director of Religious Exploration: Kelly A. Lownds*

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

*Greeters: Lois Aldrich & Gil Cote*  
*Worship Associate: Tony Soares*  
*Sound: Stephen Larrett*  
*Live Streaming: Jeff Giddings*  
*Coffee Hour Hosts: Stephen Larrett & Tony Soares*

### *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 third 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.*

### *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.*

*Church Website Address:*  
<https://uumiddleboro.org>

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### **A Note from the DRE**

Please consider joining us for one of our RE classes. All our children this year are "Building Bears of Wholeness" and collecting badges that support our values. There are always new bears for newcomers no matter the age or how long they join us. Enrollment is ongoing and can be completed at any time. If your children are older, we have a youth group that meets twice a month on Sunday evenings.

### **RE Classes**

The children collected their "My Home" and "Harvesting Hope" badges and reviewed the meaning of "ancestors" and being good hosts. Additional badges will be offered every other week to ensure the children obtain the 16 badges for the lessons they had this year. They are inserting the badges into their "build a bears."

### **Nursery During the Worship Service**

Nursery is still being run by Niko Pucillo-Dunphy, and they receive support from Jesse Hoyle as the second in charge. We have two toddlers and are always ready to have more young children/infants if you are interested in joining us on a Sunday morning.

### **Our Whole Lives**

OWL is going very well and has 3 - 5 youth regularly. Our classes are on April 7 and April 28 this month.

### **RE Committee**

The meeting will be held on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Please reach out to [dre@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:dre@uumiddleboro.org) if you are interested in helping our group.

*Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration*