

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
~UU Middleboro~

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Chimes

Eamon Gunn

Organ Prelude

Six Preludes for Organ, #1

by Ernest Bloch

Words of Welcome

Diane Reed

Hymn*

#63

Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers

Call to Worship

#662

Strange and Foolish Walls

by A. Powell Davies

Chalice Lighting

Emmett Gunn

Chalice Lighting Response

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

Musical Offering

Heidi Woofenden, Patty Simon, and Polly Jacobson

Salio de Misrayim

Sephardic Song

(Moses escaped from Egypt)

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

I Didn't Stand Up

Kelly Lownds

by Lucy Falcone

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 Prayer and Contemplation

Prayer

Silence

- Hymn*** #125 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*
- Responsive Reading** #702 *“Where hate rules, let us bring love...”*
attributed to St. Francis of Assisi **Diane Reed**
- Sermon** *A Culture of Tribalism* **Rev. Peter Connolly**
- Offertory** *Prelude, Op. 43, #1* by Reinhold Glière
(Ukrainian)
- The Cash in the Plate for the month of April will be divided evenly among three “get out the vote” organizations: Movement Voter Project, The Workers Circle, and Working America.*
- Hymn*** #128 *For All That Is Our Life*
- Closing Words** #706 *“May the light around us guide our footsteps...”*
by Kathleen McTigue
- 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** *Twilight Musings* by Martha Mier
- 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:

Greeters: Valerie Fontaine and Cate Vanzant
Worship Associate: Diane Reed
Sound: Stephen Larrett
Live Streaming: Dan Hotchkiss
Coffee Hour Hosts: Christine Dargelis and Sebastian Glaspey

Music Notes

Kudos to Heidi Woofenden, Patty Simon, and Polly Jacobson for their beautiful rendition of a Sephardic ballad. This song tells the story of Moses and is usually sung by women during Passover. Polly learned it from her recorder teacher who grew up in Israel.

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. Our goals for our children are to have time for faith, fellowship, food and fun; and we work hard to provide this!

RE Classes

Badges are 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 led by Niko Pucillo-Dunphy, who receives 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.

OWL

Our Whole Lives is meeting today and next Sunday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Avis Clay Parlor.

RE Committee

The RE Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. The committee members are currently Christine Hoyle, Chris Dargelis and Kelly Lownds. New members are welcome. Please reach out to dre@uumiddleboro.org if you are interested in helping our group.

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.