

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
~UU Middleboro~

June 16, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Celebration Sunday

Chimes

Organ Prelude

Festival Voluntary

Cutler & Johnson's, ed. Barbara Owens

Words of Welcome

Diane Reed

Father's Day Recognition *(in unison)*

by Sarah Person

We honor the fathers among us:

Fathers by blood, and fathers by heart

The fathers who raise us, and do their best by us

The fathers who guide us, play with us,

lead us, support us.

The fathers of the heart

who cherish and mentor the next generations

The fathers to be,

Who dream of us, and delight in our prospect,

The fathers who never forgot us

and whom we will never forget

We honor them all.

Opening Words

#434 "May we be reminded here..."

Anonymous

Hymn*

#361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Chalice Lighting

Chalice Lighting Response *May We Shine a Light of Love (See back cover)*

Musical Offering

Omnia Sol

Chalice Choir

by Z. Randall Stroope

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.

Flower Communion

Flower to the Sun

Kelly Lownds

by Clif Hardin

Blessing of the Flowers *(in unison)*

by Norbert Capek

***Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing
on these thy Messengers of Fellowship and love.***

***May they remind us,
amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts,
to be one in the spirit, and to be one in devotion
to the service of humankind.***

***May they also remind us of the value of comradeship,
of doing and sharing alike.***

***May we cherish friendship as
one of thy most precious gifts.***

***May we realize that whatever we can do,
great or small, the efforts of all of us are needed
to do thy work in this world.***

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

Children's Blessing (See back cover)

by First UU Nashville Youth Choir

Hymn*

#177 Sakura

Responsive Reading

Diane Reed

#664 *Give Us the Spirit of the Child*

by Sara Moores Campbell

Volunteer Appreciation

Recognition of Volunteers: A Litany *(See insert)*

Elsie Gaudette Award

Linda Thompson

Offertory

The Gentle Waltz

by Oscar Peterson

The Cash in the Plate will be donated to The Trevor Project whose vision is "A world where all LGBTQ+ young people see a bright future for themselves." <https://www.thetrevorproject.org>

Closing Words #697 "The love and work of friends and lovers..."

by Wendell Berry

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

This year we all worked together, even the adolescents, to "Build Bears of Wholeness." We built teddy bears together and took them out monthly to add badges representing parts of our learning and our values. The badges included "Grow your Dreams," "Listen to Life," "Fostering Community" and "Share Your Blessings." Everyone received bears, everyone received badges and everyone shared ideas and values about what went into being a whole person.

The Youth Group met and started a mural that had the elements of "Air, Earth, Water and Fire" as part of the "Sing to the Power" curriculum. We shared songs that supported the values we learned each week such as "community" and "kindness."

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration