

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
September 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes **Teddy Rowe**

Organ Prelude *An Appalachian Air* by Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome **Diane Reed**

Hymn* #346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

Call to Worship by Mami P. Harmony **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Chalice Lighting **Isla Rowe**

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

Musical Offering **Isla Rowe and Sydney Benard**
Amazing Grace
by John Newton, arr. Richard Lapsire

Unison Reading - Covenant Statement
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 Frog Race, A Hindu Tale

Children's Recessional *(Children leave at this time.)*
Children's Blessing (See back cover)

Meditation
Musical Offering **Rev. Sarah Person**
Yes to Life by Wayne Gratz

Hymn* #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading *Hope, Not Optimism* **Diane Reed**
by Bruce T. Marshall

Offertory *Rondo* by R. Vaughan Williams
The September Cash in the Plate will be donated to the Matthew Mission Food Pantry, Taunton. The goal of the Matthew Mission Food Pantry is fighting hunger with an emphasis on personal dignity – their customers can select what they need from the shelves of the food pantry. Norm Grenier is President of the Matthew Mission Food Pantry.

Reading *Sugar in the Tree* **Rev. Beau**
by Mark Nepo

Sermon *The Winds of Grace* **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Hymn* #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Closing Words by Maryell Cleary **Rev. Beau**

Extinguish Chalice

Postlude *Serenity of the Heart* by Martha Mier

Announcements **Diane Reed**

Joys and Concerns **Rev. Beau Rivers**

Pastoral Response **Rev. Beau**

Sung Benediction *Go Your Way in Peace (See back cover)*

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Greeters: Viola Fairweather and Linda Thompson
Worship Associate: Diane Reed
Sound: JR Pucillo-Dunphy
Live Streaming: Cate Vanzant
Coffee Hour Host: Bill Howe

Music Notes

A warm welcome and KUDOS to Sydney Benard on clarinet and Isla Rowe on flute. Thanks also to Patty Simon for mentoring the duo and to Sydney's band teacher, Richard Laprise, for his arrangement of "Amazing Grace."

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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.

Religious Exploration Children's Classes

This week we will introduce our weekly opening and tweak it to fit the children's goals for opening our classroom. We will read *The Grumpy Gecko* and make Paper Geckos.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group will next Sunday, September 22. We will be meeting from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will enjoy some snacks, fellowship and games. What will you be adding to your mirror and window mural? What field trips are you ready to help organize and attend?

Volunteer Opportunities

Our RE Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We meet at the church, and new members are welcome. You do not need a child participating in the RE program to join, just ideas and a love of our youth. Please consider volunteering to teach downstairs for a section of our program. We also need volunteers to help with plays and skits during the year as well as readers for our Message for All Ages during the service. Please contact dre@uumiddleboro.org if you are interested.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration

CHALICE LIGHTING RESPONSES:

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.

Rise Up, O Flame (#362)

Words: Anonymous; Music: Christoph Praetorius

Rise up, O flame, by thy light glowing,
Show to us beauty, vision, and joy.

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.

Go Now in Peace (#413)

Words & Music by Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.

SUNG BENEDICTIONS:

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.

Go Your Way in Peace

by Mozart/Jim Scott

Go your way in peace, wander as you may,
Blessed is the path you take: may love guide you on your way.