

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Emmett Gunn

Organ Prelude Air by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Welcome Viola Fairweather

Call to Worship Annie Dillard Marybeth Truran
Mark Truran, Grandmother Drum
Ellyn Dent and Amanda Willis, Conch

Hymn* #21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Chalice Lighting Eamon Gunn

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

Musical Offering Chalice Choir, accompanied by Ruth Lampietro
We Are As One
by Moses Jumper Jr./Mary Goetze

Unison Reading - Covenant Statement Marybeth Truran
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
Greta and eight young activists on the climate crisis - UNICEF

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

Reading by e. e. cummings Marybeth Truran

Hymn* #4 *I Brought My Spirit to the Sea*

Meditation & Sound Bath

Marybeth Truran
Mark Truran, Percussion
Ellyn Dent & Amanda Willis, Sacred Sound

Sermon

Songs of the Earth, Sky, and Light

Marybeth Truran

Offertory

Twilight Musings

by Martha Mier

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.

Hymn*

#1066 *O Brother Son*

Closing Words

Marybeth Truran

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

Wake Now My Senses

Arr. Clif Hardin

Announcements

Vi Fairweather

Joys and Concerns

Marybeth Truran

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: Susan Curtiss and Jeff Giddings
Worship Associate: Viola Fairweather
Sound: Dan Hotchkiss
Live Streaming: Cate Vanzant
Coffee Hour Host: Doreen Levasseur

This morning we welcome Marybeth Truran to the pulpit. Marybeth is a Jungian depth psychotherapist with a practice in Bourne, MA. She is passionate about ecopsychology, sound therapy, and understanding the human psyche. She finds solace and inspiration from living by the ocean and is just a tiny bit obsessed with sailing.

Music Notes

Kudos to the Chalice Choir for singing "We Are As One," a piece based on a poem written by Seminole Indian, Moses Jumper Jr. for the Young Voices Festival in Tampa, Florida. It's a special treat to have so many musicians and instruments involved in this morning's service.

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

Religious Exploration Children's Classes

This week we will be continuing with our *Grumpy Gecko*. We will make beaded gecko decorations that the children can bring home. We think about the song, *We Got the Whole World in Our Hands*.

Youth Group

Today will be our first Youth Group meeting of the year. 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? We have the Lakeville Arts Festival coming up on October 5. It will be our first effort to "get out there" and show everyone what UUs bring to the community.

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.

Registration

Please be sure to register your children for the program. We will need updated (or new) information to ensure we know the children as best we can as our class time goes by fast, and we always want to make sure we have the right snacks! The registration link is on the church web site, or see Kelly Lownds.

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.