

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Religious Exploration Children's Classes

This week we will begin discussing nature's partnerships. We will read our story *Swimming Home* and think about our own leadership roles in the classroom.

Youth Group

We started our year off with a field trip to support another youth group in Holliston, MA, on September 22. We are hoping to do a lot of work looking at ourselves and at the broader world and have some hard conversations about how we can respect and care about others despite differences in values. Our next meeting is October 13 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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. We always want to make sure we have the right snacks! The registration link is on the church web site, or see Kelly Lownds.

Volunteers

Many of you have received my requests for volunteers, and more emails are coming for those who have not received one. CORIs are required for all teachers and, if wanted, a short teacher orientation can be provided.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
September 29, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Isla Rowe

Prelude *Coming Home* **Bet Giddings**
by Bet Giddings

Welcome Holly Begley

Call to Worship by Shari Woodbury **Holly Begley and Rev. Beau**

Hymn* #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Chalice Lighting Teddy Rowe

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

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.

Musical Offering **Bet Giddings**
Shine Your Way from The Croods
by Alan Silvestri, Glen Ballard, Kirk DeMicco and Chris Sanders

Message for All Ages **Kelly Lownds**
The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates

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

Meditation by Starhawk **Rev. Beau**
Moment of Silence

Hymn* #389 *Gathered Here*

Reading by John O'Donohue

Holly Begley

Responsive Reading

#444 *This House*

Rev. Beau and Holly Begley

by Kenneth L. Patton

Sermon

The Heart of Belonging

Rev. Beau Rivers

Offertory

Song of Community

by Carolyn McDade

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*

#131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Closing Words by John O'Donohue

Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude

True Colors by Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Bet Giddings

Announcements

Holly Begley

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

Rev. Beau

Silent Meditation

Sung Benediction

Go Lifted Up (See back cover)

* *Please stand as you are able.*

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

Greeters: Jeff Giddings and Dorine Levasseur
Worship Associate: Holly Begley
Sound: JR Pucillo-Dunphy
Live Streaming: Cate Vanzant
Coffee Hour Host: Nancy Backus and Juli Gould

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>