

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough  
October 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Chimes**

**Organ Prelude** *Paso in D Minor*  
by Narciso Casanovas (1747-1799)

**Welcome** **Tanya Trzeciak**

**Call to Worship** by Marta Valentin **Rev. Beau Rivers**

**Hymn\*** #347 *Gather the Spirit*

**Chalice Lighting**

**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** **Chalice Choir**  
*Sing Gently* by Eric Whitacre

**Message for All Ages** **Kelly Lownds**  
*Inequality, Equality, Equity*

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

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

**Hymn\*** #1053 *How Could Anyone*

**Reading** by Rachel Field **Rev. Beau**

**Responsive Reading** **Rev. Beau and Tanya Trzeciak**  
#657 *It Matters What We Believe*  
by Sophia Lyon Fahs

**Sermon** *The Gift of Awareness* **Rev. Beau Rivers**

**Offertory** *Sicut Cervus* by Jason Shelton  
"As the deer longs for streams of cool water,  
my soul is longing for you, my God (Psalm 42)."

*The Cash in the Plate today will be donated to the Salvation Army for Hurricane Helene relief.*

**Hymn\*** #1018 *Come and Go with Me*

**Closing Words** by Joseph M. Cherry **Rev. Beau**

**Extinguish the Chalice**

**Postlude** *Swedish Melody* arr. Cindy Berry

**Announcements** **Tanya Trzeciak**

**Joys and Concerns** **Rev. Beau**

**Silent Meditation**

**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:*

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Dorine Levasseur and Mal Marvill</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Tanya Trzeciak</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>JR Pucillo-Dunphy</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Cate Vanzant</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	<i>Viola Fairweather</i>

### *Music Notes*

*Kudos to the Chalice Choir for singing today's musical offering, "Sing Gently" by Eric Whitacre. In the words of the composer, "I wrote the music and words to 'Sing Gently' with the hope that it might give some small measure of comfort for those who need it, and that it might suggest a way of living with one another that is compassionate, gentle, and kind."*

### *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 continue our discussion of nature partnerships, specifically the clown fish and the sea anemone, but also many others.*

### ***Youth Group***

*Our next meeting is Sunday, 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.*

### ***RE Committee***

*The RE Committee will be meeting on October 9 at 6:00 p.m. om the church office. Christine Hoyle is the Committee Chair. We are always looking for new volunteers.*

*Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration*