

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
October 20, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Lily Velez

Organ Prelude *Dorian Echo Fantasy*
by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Welcome Mal Marvill

Call to Worship by Leslie Takahashi Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #1014 *Answering the Call of Love*

Chalice Lighting Sebastian Glaspey

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.

Message for All Ages Christine Hoyle
The Power of JETPIG by Kathy Underwood

Musical Offering Chalice Ensemble
The JETPIG Song by C. Hossfeld

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

Meditation Rev. Beau
Moment of Silence

Musical Offering Chalice Choir, accompanied by Ruth Lampietro
Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

Reading

Rev. Beau

Sermon

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Rev. Beau Rivers

Offertory

Gaudeamus (Let Us Therefore Rejoice) by Jason Shelton
The Cash in the Plate today will be donated to the South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center (SSRAC). October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. SSRAC is a nonprofit, community-based domestic violence program that has been assisting survivors of domestic violence and their families for more than 40 years.

Hymn*

#1017 *Building a New Way*

Closing Words

Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude

Simple Faith (See insert)

Announcements

Mal Marvill

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

Rev. Beau

Silent Meditation

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:

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| <i>Greeters:</i> | <i>Vi Fairweather and Jeff Giddings</i> |
| <i>Worship Associate:</i> | <i>Mal Marvill</i> |
| <i>Sound:</i> | <i>Dan Hotchkiss</i> |
| <i>Live Streaming:</i> | <i>Cate Vanzant</i> |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i> | <i>Lois Aldrich & Gil Cote</i> |

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

Thanks Be for the Trees! We might be hugging trees today! We will definitely be meditating on our appreciation for the trees, and we will be taking some rubbings from a tree near us.

Youth Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 27, 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.

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

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.