The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.

We invite you to bring a picture or symbol of your loved one – furry or human – and place it on the altar as you enter the sanctuary.

Chimes

Organ Prelude The Startled Bird (La Linotte Effarouchée)

by François Couperin (1668-1733)

Welcome Linda Thompson

Call to Worship by Lynn Gardner Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #389 Gathered Here

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

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds

The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

Hymn* #1051 *We Are...*

Ritual of Remembrance Rev. Beau Rivers

Reading Vi Fairweather

With Us Still by Kathleen McTigue

Musical Offering Ed Priest, guitar

Remember Me (Recuérdame) from Coco by Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez Reflection

Rev. Beau Rivers & Vi Fairweather

Spirit of Halloween

Costume Processional In the Hall of the Mountain King

by Edvard Grieg

Responsive Reading Rev. Beau Rivers & Vi Fairweather

by Rev. Beau Rivers & Kelly Lownds

Offertory The Storm (L'Orage) by Friedrich Burgmuller 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* #118 This Little Light of Mine

Closing Words Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude Ed Priest & Friends

The Monster Mash by Bobby (Boris) Pickett

Announcements Linda Thompson

Joys and Concerns Rev. Beau

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Response Rev. Beau

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: Lauren Haugh and Dave Kraemer
Worship Associate: Linda Thompson and Viola Fairweather
Sound: JR Pucillo-Dunphy
Live Streaming: Cate Vanzant
Coffee Hour Hosts: Stephen Larrett and Tony Soares

Music Notes:

Kudos to multi-talented Ed Priest for today's musical offering and postlude. Ed has spent many summers with a Mariachi Band in Mexico and brings to us a lifetime collection of songs from many walks of life including folk, rock, traditional, contemporary, you-name-it!

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 Classes

Today we will take a break from lessons and prepare to celebrate fall and all its happy, spooky, thoughtful events.

Halloween Bonfire Party

We have our traditional Halloween bonfire today right after church from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. We will have our traditional games, pizza, treats and smores around the bonfire in our new cleared out space behind the church. Costumes are encouraged. Please join us!

Adults and the teens are helping, so parents are welcome to stay or take some time off while we play with the kids. Thank you!

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.

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.