

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

**Chimes** Teddy Rowe

**Organ Prelude** *Land of Rest*  
Appalachian tune, set by Wilbur Held

**Welcome** Diane Reed

**Call to Worship** by Syndy Sweeney Rev. Beau Rivers

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

**Chalice Lighting** Isla Rowe

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

**Musical Offering** Tony Soares  
*What the World Needs Now*  
by Hal David & Burt Bacharach

**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  
*Tiny the God* by Becky Brooks

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

**Meditation** by John Chryssavgis Rev. Beau  
**Moment of Silence**

**Hymn\*** #1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness*

**Reading** Rev. Beau  
*Loved Beyond Belief* by Ashley Horan

**Responsive Reading**

**Rev. Beau Rivers & Diane Reed**  
*Litany of Solidarity* by Catie Scudera

**Sermon**

*What Is Love Calling Us to Do*

**Rev. Beau Rivers**

**Offertory**

*On Eagle's Wings*

by Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes

*The Cash in the Plate for November will be donated to the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe Fund (non-profit) to acquire 38 acres of their ancestral land on Triangle Pond in Plymouth. <https://www.herringpondtribe.org/>*

**Closing Words**

by Howard Thurman, adapted by Aaron Payson

**Rev. Beau**

**Hymn\***

#170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

**Benediction** by Frederick Gilles

**Rev. Beau**

**Extinguish the Chalice**

**Rev. Beau**

**Postlude**

**Tony Soares**

*America, the Beautiful*

by Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward

**Congregation joins in on verses 2 & 3**

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassion'd stress

A thorough fare for freedom beat Across the wilderness

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

3. O beautiful for heroes prov'd In liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.

America! America! May God thy gold refine

Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

**Announcements**

**Diane Reed**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Rev. Beau**

**Pastoral Response**

**Rev. Beau**

**Silent Meditation**

**Sung Benediction**

*Go Lifted Up (See back cover)*

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

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| <i>Greeter:</i>           | <i>Annie Haines</i>      |
| <i>Worship Associate:</i> | <i>Diane Reed</i>        |
| <i>Sound:</i>             | <i>JR Pucillo-Dunphy</i> |
| <i>Live Streaming:</i>    | <i>Dan Hotchkiss</i>     |
| <i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>  | <i>Dorine Levasseur</i>  |

*The flower centerpiece on the altar this morning is given by the Tummino Family, thanking the whole church for organizing a beautiful service last Saturday. "It was perfect."*

### *Music Notes*

*Kudos to Tony Soares for singing today's musical offering and leading "America the Beautiful" as a postlude. The lyrics were written in the summer of 1893 by Katharine Lee Bates, a lesbian living in Falmouth, after visiting "Pikes Peak" and witnessing the spacious grandeur of the Rocky Mountains.*

### *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 on our nature walk, we will be looking for balance in nature. We will look for animals, plants and objects in nature and discuss how they fit in our ecosystem and what would happen if they no longer existed.

### **Youth Group**

The Youth Group is meeting today at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. We will be having a Youth Cottage Meeting at 1:00. Please join us.

### **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 is meeting on Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Christine Hoyle is the Committee Chair. We are always looking for new members. Please contact me if you are interested.

*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.