

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
November 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Lily Velez

Organ Prelude *Meditation from "Three Watercolors"*
by Gregory Hamilton

Welcome Susan Curtiss

Call to Worship by Wayne B Arnason Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #325 *Love Makes a Bridge*

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.

Chalice Lighting Lily Velez

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

Musical Offering Chalice Choir
Come Into This Place
Music by Cliff Hardin; Words by William F. Schulz

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

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

Meditation by Jezibell Anat Rev. Beau
Moment of Silence

Hymn* #1008 *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*

Reading by Chief Seattle, 1854, adapted **Susan Curtiss & Rev. Beau**

Interlude

Responsive Reading by Laura Bogle, adapted (*See insert*)

Sermon

Rev. Beau Rivers

Land of the Free, Home of the Brave

Offertory

Winter Mountain by Eugénie R. Rocherolle

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/>

Hymn*

#1069 *Ancient Mother*

Closing Words

A Cherokee Blessing

Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Rev. Beau

Postlude

Patty Simon, Native Flute

Mi'Kmaq Chant

Announcements

Susan Curtiss

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

Rev. Beau

Silent Meditation

Sung Benediction

Go Your Way in Peace (See back cover)

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

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Jim Bonnar and Jeff Giddings</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Susan Curtiss</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>Stephen Larrett</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Cate Vanzant</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	<i>Bill Howe</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 Classes

Today we will be considering habitats. We love being outside in nature, and we will be looking for habitats in the smallest space possible that we can find near the church. Katie McGinty is our assistant teacher this month.

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.

Family Worship Services

The children will remain upstairs for Family Worship Services once a month. Our next Family Worship Service is on November 24, and the children will be helping us share a cornbread and juice communion.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is meeting next on Sunday, November 24, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.