

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough  
December 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Chimes** **Teddy Rowe**

**Organ Prelude** *Siciliana* by Handel, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

**Welcome** **Dorine Levasseur**

**Call to Worship** **Rev. Beau Rivers**

**Hymn\*** #16 *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple*

**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** **Isla Rowe**

**Chalice Lighting Response**

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

**Musical Offering** **Family Choir**

*Song of Peace*  
(Partner Song with *Dona Nobis Pacem*)  
Traditional & Mary Donnelly, arr. George L. O. Strid

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Message for All Ages** **Kelly Lownds**

*Harold Loves His Woolly Hat* by Vern Kousky

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

**Meditation**  
**Moment of Silence**

**Hymn\*** #352 *Find a Stillness*



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

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Lauren Haugh and Cate Vanzant</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Dorine Levasseur</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>Dan Hotchkiss</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Jeff Giddings</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Barista:</i>	<i>Jeff Stevens</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**

### **Holiday Party**

Today is the RE Holiday Party from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. We will make and decorate gingerbread houses and ornaments and play games. Friends are welcome to join us; anyone can join! Come for an afternoon of fun, food, and holiday spirit! Lunch will be supplied. Although this RE family event is not open to the general public, please feel free to invite friends.

### **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, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Christine Hoyle is the committee chair. We are always looking for new volunteers.

*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.