

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
December 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Eamon Gunn

Organ Prelude Gavotte by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Welcome Marybeth Truran

Call to Worship by Lynn Harrison Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #108 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

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 Emmett Gunn

Chalice Lighting Response

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

Musical Offering Chalice Choir accompanied by Ruth Lampietro
Love Calls Us On by Jason Shelton

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds

George The Generous Giraffe
by Kameron Trumbo

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

Meditation
Moment of Silence

Hymn* #402 *From You I Receive*

Reading

Excerpt from *Generosity*

Marybeth Truran
by Scott W. Alexander

Responsive Reading

#466 *Religion*

Rev. Beau
by Vincent B. Silliman

Sermon

A Disposition of the Heart

Rev. Beau Rivers

Offertory

Fireside Reverie

by Martha Mier

The Cash in the Plate this morning will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Hymn*

#1018 *Come and Go with Me*

Closing Words by John Morgan

Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude

Main Street

by Clif Hardin

Announcements

Marybeth Truran

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

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>Deanne & Jim Bonnar</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Marybeth Truran</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>Dan Hotchkiss</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Cate Vanzant</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	<i>Andrea Priest</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

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.

Earth Advocates!

We are learning about animal habitats and transformations in nature this month. The kids have loved exploring the new outdoor space and are planting items for the spring. We are going to make some very exciting gardens and hopefully create some nice habitats together.

Upcoming Worship Services

Next Sunday is the Winter Solstice Service at 5:00 p.m. The Christmas Eve Service is at 5:30 p.m., and December 29 will be a Family Worship Service celebrating Kwanzaa.

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.