

Chimes

Prelude #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Welcome **Viola Fairweather**

Call to Worship **Adrienne Williams**
I Remember, I Believe by Liz Wright, SHIR

Hymn* #1056 *Thula Klezeo*

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

Chalice Lighting Response

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

Lighting of the Kinara Candles **Adrienne Williams & Friends**

Musical Offering #1033 *Bwana Awabariki*

Message for All Ages **Adrienne Williams**
Zora, the Story Keeper, excerpt
by Ebony Joy Wilkins

Meditation *Moon Meets the Sun* R. Giddens, producer
From *Songs of Our Native Daughters*

Meditation Response

#123 *Spirit of Life*

Message

Adrienne Williams

Conceptualizing Kwanzaa in 2024: Personal Observations and Reflections

Offertory

Adrienne Williams & Friends

Drumming Improv

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

Offertory Response *(sung twice)*

Wait and see, wait and see

what a world this can be

If we share, if we care, you and me.

Hymn*

#1030 *Siyahamba*

Extinguish the Chalice

Adrienne Williams

Postlude

#116 *I'm On My Way*

Announcements

Viola Fairweather

Joys and Concerns

Viola Fairweather

Sung Benediction

Go Your Way in Peace (See back cover)

** Please stand*

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

Worship Associate:

Viola Fairweather

Sound:

Stephen Larrett

Live Streaming:

Jeff Giddings

Coffee Hour Host:

Deanne & n Jim Bonnar

This morning we welcome Adrienne Williams to the pulpit. Adrienne is a retired educator, human services professional, national consultant, longtime member of this congregation and founding board member of the Unitarian Universalist Massachusetts Action Network. She continues to use the arts (music, poetry, storytelling) to teach, learn and connect.

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 decomposition this month. The kids have loved exploring the new outdoor space, and we are going to start to think about how we can make rich soil for our plants in the spring. We are going to play with earthworms and think about decomposing plants.

Youth Group

Youth Group is for children 6th grade and up. We will be meeting at least once a month in the new year. We are hoping to create an interfaith program that can be shared with the church.

Family Worship Services

The children will remain upstairs for family worship services once a month. Our next Family Worship Service is on January 5, 2025.

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.