

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough
January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Chimes Isla Rowe

Prelude Erik Lindgren, piano
Mozart Matriculates by Alec Templeton (1939)

Welcome Dorine Levasseur

Call to Worship by Lois Van Leer Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

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 Ed Priest, Kimberly French, & Mal Marvill
Do You Shine by Nick Page

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds
Squirrel's New Year's Resolution by Pat Miller

Meditation #1009 *Meditation on Breathing* Kelly Lownds

Moment of Silence

Hymn* #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Reading by Rivers in the Ocean Rev. Beau

Ritual Kelly Lownds

Blessing for the New Year

Rev. Beau Rivers

I Arise in the New Year, adapted by Joyce Rupp

Offertory

Erik Lindgren

Bach Goes to Town (Prelude in Swing)

by Alec Templeton (1938)

The Cash in the Plate this morning will be donated to World Central Kitchen. The World Central Kitchen was founded in 2010 by José Ramón Andrés and his wife, Patricia, in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti. Cooking alongside displaced families in a camp, he was guided on the proper way to cook black beans the way Haitians like to eat them, mashed and sieved into a creamy sauce. It wasn't just about feeding people in need. It was about listening, learning, and cooking side by side with the people impacted by the crisis. This is the real meaning of comfort food. Please give generously to this one-day collection for them.

Congregational Song*

Led by Ed Priest

If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands!

Closing Words by Julie Stoneberg

Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice

Postlude

Erik Lindgren

Spiritual: By' and By'

African American, arr. Lindgren 2020

Announcements

Dorine Levasseur

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

Sung Benediction

Go Lifted Up (See back cover)

**Please stand.*

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

<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Jeff Giddings and Dave Kraemer</i>
<i>Worship Associate:</i>	<i>Dorine Levasseur</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>JR Pucillo-Dunphy</i>
<i>Live Streaming:</i>	<i>Cate Vanzant</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	<i>Alan Melchior & Sarah Person</i>

Music Notes

Warm Welcome to our guest pianist, Erik Lindgren! Erik and his quartet, Bespoke Consort, will be with us in concert next Sunday, January 12, at 3:00 PM. In addition to Erik's composition, today's piano music features works by Alec Templeton (1910-1963), the Welsh composer, pianist, and satirist. Blind from birth, Templeton was a skilled improviser, radio personality, and touring entertainer who became a US citizen in 1941.

Kudos also to Ed Priest and his ukulele consort: Kimberly French and Mal Marvill. Ed learned "Do You Shine" by rote, directly from UU troubadour, Nick Page. The closing congregational song is a favorite of kids, young & old!

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

The program we are sharing this year explores the interdependent web of life. We are very excited to have a new outdoor space that we share with the church and are hopeful to grow flowers and plants as we continue to explore nature. We do nature walks, crafts, tell stories and share ideas about our local environment, animal habitats and native plants. We consider our role in sustainability.

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 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are meeting next on Wednesday, January 8. Christine Hoyle is the Committee Chair, and 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.