The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough January 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Chimes

Organ Prelude Pastorale in F Major Bach, arr. Lani Smith

Welcome Natalie Johnson

Call to Worship by Telos Whitfield Rev. Beau Rivers

Hymn* #346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

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)

Musical Offering Chalice Choir

Everything Possible

by Fred Small, arr. Willi Zwozdesky

Message for All Ages Kelly Lownds

Calvin by JR and Vanessa Ford

Children's Recessional (Children leave at this time.)

Children's Blessing (See back cover)

Meditation Rev. Beau

Moment of Silence

Hymn* #1053 How Could Anyone

Testimonial Dody Adkins-Perry

Responsive Reading (See insert) Natalie Johnson & Rev. Beau We Bear Witness by Amy Brooks

Middleboro Activity Lois Aldrich, Witness

Homily Would You Harbor Me? Rev. Beau Rivers

Offering Rev. Beau

Offertory Rondo by R. Vaughan Williams The Cash in the Plate this morning will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Hymn* #1023 Building Bridges

Closing Words Rev. Beau

Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Beau

Postlude Elegy for the Arctic by Ludovico Einaudi

Announcements Natalie Johnson

Joys and Concerns Rev. Beau

Pastoral Response

Silent Meditation

Sung Benediction Go Your Way in Peace (See back cover)

^{*}Please stand.

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

Greeters: Dorine Levasseur and Bill Howe Worship Associate: Natalie Johnson Sound: JR Pucillo-Dunphy Live Streaming: Cate Vanzant Coffee Hour Hosts: Lois Aldrich & Gil Cote

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

Earth Advocates

Today we will be sharing the story of Naamah and discussing plants and growing them. We will be starting seedlings, so put your green thumb on today and prepare to start some plants.

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.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is meeting today from 12:00 to 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.