

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

June 6, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude **Andrea Priest, Adrienne Williams, Ed Priest**

Walk with Me

by Maggie Wheeler

Recorded by Stephen Larrett for REBOOT 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sarah Person

Opening Words

Sins of Omission

by Natasha Josefowitz

Hymn

#JC 10 *I Lift My Voice* (See page 4)

Chalice Lighting (*In unison*)

by Rebekah Savage, excerpt

We light our flaming chalice as a beloved people

This a chalice of audacious hope.

This chalice shines a light on our shared past,

signaling our intention to listen deeply, reflect wisely,

and move boldly toward our highest ideals.

Chalice Lighting Response

May We Shine a Light of Love

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.

Message for All Ages

Kelly Lownds

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You

by Sonia Sotomayor

Joys and Concerns will be shared at the start of our time of fellowship.

Meditation

Everybody's In

by Lori Walke

Readings

Excerpt from *Vertuous Women Found*

by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Excerpt from *Love as the Practice of Freedom*

by bell hooks

Sermon

Raised Voices

Rev. Sarah Person

Offertory

Dance of the Graceful Maiden

by Alberto Ginastera

Offertory Response

#402 *From You I Receive* by Joseph and Nathan Segal
***From you I receive, to you I give,
together we share, and from this we live.***

Closing Words

Excerpt from *Words Matter* by Carol Thomas Cissel

Hymn

#JC 09 *Hold On (Keep Your Eyes on the Prize)* (See page 5)

Unison Benediction

***Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage.
Hold on to what is good.
Return to no person evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the suffering.
Honor all beings.***

Sung Benediction

#1057 *Go Lifted Up* by Mortimer Barron
***Go lifted up,
Love bless your way,
moonlight, starlight guide your journey into peace
and the brightness of day.***

Extinguishing the Chalice (*In unison*)

by Brian Kiely

***The Chalice is extinguished,
but its light lives on in the minds
and the hearts and the souls of each one of us.***

***Let us carry the flame with us and
share it with those we know,
with those we love, and most
especially, with those we have yet to meet.***

Postlude

Virtual Choir, created by Bet Giddings
Draw the Circle Wide
by Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller

Music Notes

Today's hymns are from the Justice Choir Songbook, Volume 1, compiled in 2017 by Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis.

Participants in today's virtual choir postlude include Dody Adkins-Perry, Katie Allen, Cindy Benard, Joan Breen, Valerie Fontaine, Bet Giddings, Dan & Susan Hotchkiss, Dorine Levasseur, Mal Marvill, John Mullen, Sarah Person, Andrea & Ed Priest, Patty Simon, and Nicola Wilbar.

I Lift My Voice

by Andrea Ramsey

When I lift my voice, let it be in song,
A defiant note in the face of wrong,
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,
'cause we know that love is always justified.
When they try to divide us, it will only unite us.
I lift my voice.

When I lift my voice, let it be for good,
Let me care as much as I know I should,
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,
'cause we know that love is always justified.
When they try to divide us, it will only unite us.
I lift my voice.

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Hold On
(Keep Your Eyes on the Prize)

African American Spiritual
Refrain credited to Alice Wine, 1950's

Verse 1

Oh, the one thing we did right was the day we started to fight.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!

Got my hand on the freedom plow, wouldn't take nothin' for my journey now.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!

REFRAIN (sing twice):

Hold on! Hold on!

Keep your eyes on the prize.

Hold on!

Verse 2

Only chains that we can stand, are the chains of hand in hand.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!

We're gonna board that big Greyhound, carryin' love from town to town.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on! (REFRAIN)

Verse 3

Many good souls have fought and died, so we could sing here side by side.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on!

When united it is clear, we don't have to live in fear.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on! (REFRAIN)

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