

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

October 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *Paso in D Minor* by Narciso Casanovas
(1747-1799)

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words *Human Beauty and Resilience* by Imani Perry

Hymn #1053 *How Could Anyone* (see page 4)

Chalice Lighting (*Everyone can light their candles at home.*)
Our community knows no boundaries
by Nancy Reid-McKee

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.

Musical Offering *Spiritual Quodlibet I* **Chalice Ensemble**
by Ysaye Barnwell

Message for All Ages *The Name Jar* **Kelly Lownds**
by Yangsook Choi

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

Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us* (see page 5)

Responsive Reading	<i>Hope Rises</i>	by John A. Buehrens and Rebecca Parker
Reader:	Hope rises.	
Congregation:	<i>It rises from the heart of life, here and now, beating with joy and sorrow.</i>	
	Hope longs.	
	<i>It longs for good to be affirmed, for justice and love to prevail, for suffering to be alleviated, and for life to flourish in peace.</i>	
	Hope remembers.	
	<i>It remembers the dreams of those who have gone before and reaches for connection with them across the boundary of death.</i>	
	Hope acts.	
	<i>It acts to bless, to protest, and to repair.</i>	
Sermon	<i>See and Be Seen</i>	Rev. Sarah Person
Offertory	<i>Rondo</i>	by R. Vaughan Williams
Closing Words	<i>Love Is Hard</i>	by Carey McDonald and Teresa Cooley as amended
Hymn	#168	<i>One More Step (see page 6)</i>
Unison Benediction	<i>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.</i>	

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

Ridgecrest

by Joseph M. Martin

Chalice Choir

*Dody Adkins-Perry, Katie Allen, Nancy Backus, Holly Begley, Cindy Benard,
Rick Benard, Jim Bonnar, Joan Breen, Sue Curtiss, Valerie Fontaine,
Bet Giddings, Dan Hotchkiss, Dorine Levasseur, Marc MacQueen, Mal Marvill,
John Mullen, Andrea Priest, Ed Priest, Patty Simon, Tony Soares, Jeff Stevens,
Nicola Wilbar*

Music Notes

Today's Musical Offering is called "Spiritual Quodlibet I" by Ysaye Barnwell. It is a collection of three spirituals layered in on one another: "Wade in the Water," "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child," and "I Wanna Die Easy When I Die." Kudos to members of the Chalice Choir for singing Barnwell's Spiritual Quodlibet.

How Could Anyone

Words & music: Libby Roderick

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Love Will Guide Us

Words: Sally Rogers

Music: Traditional, arr. by Betty A. Wylder

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

One More Step

Words & music: Joyce Poley

One more step,
we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.

One more word,
we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone,
we'll say one more word.

One more prayer,
we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we'll say one more prayer.

One more song,
we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone,
we'll sing one more song.