

*The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough*  
October 3, 2021 10:30 a.m.

**Organ Prelude** *Vivace* from “Voluntary I” by William Boyce

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Sarah Person**

**Opening Words** *The Missing Remnant* by Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

**Hymn** #347 *Gather the Spirit* (see page 4)

**Chalice Lighting** (Everyone can light their candles at home.)  
From the *Upanishads*, Adapted

(in unison) *We light this chalice  
to help us move from untruth to truth,  
to help us move from ignorance to wisdom,  
to help us move from animosity to love,  
to help us move from bondage to freedom.  
We rededicate ourselves before this light  
to affirm and practice truth, wisdom, love,  
and freedom  
today and in the days to come.*

**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** **Erik Lindgren, piano**  
*III: Vivace* from “Four Album Leaves” Op. 28 by Edvard Grieg

**Message for All Ages** **Kelly Lownds**  
*Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts

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

- Prayer** *In Honor and Praise to Black Rage*  
by Byron “Tyler” Coles
- Hymn** #1058 *Be Ours a Religion. (see page 5)*
- Sermon** *Waterproof* **Rev. Sarah Person**
- Offertory** “Song from Sea Pieces” by Edward MacDowell
- Closing Words** Excerpt from *The Bruise That Never Heals* by Dawn Skjei Cooley
- Hymn** #1007 *There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul (see page 6)*
- 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** *Go Your Way in Peace* by Jim Scott  
*Go your way in peace,  
wander as you may,  
Blessed is the path you take:  
may love guide you on your way.*
- 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

**Erik Lindgren**

*III: Allegretto con Grazia* from “*Humoresques*” Op. 6 by Grieg

### *Music Notes*

*Warm welcome to Erik Lindgren – pianist, composer, and friend of FUUSM. For today’s Musical Offering and Postlude, Erik is playing compositions by Edvard Grieg, a Norwegian “Romantic” pianist and composer who lived from 1843 to 1907. The pieces are taken from “Four Album Leaves” and “Humoresques” – each set containing four charming piano compositions.*

## **Gather the Spirit**

Words & music: Jim Scott

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
with body and spirit united once more.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit growing in all,  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
the chorus of life resounding as one.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

## **Be Ours a Religion**

Words: Theodore Parker  
Music: Thomas Benjamin

Be ours a religion  
which like sunshine goes everywhere,  
its temple all space,  
its shrine the good heart,  
its creed all truth,  
its ritual works of love.

## **There's a River Flowin' in My Soul**

Words & music: Rose Sanders

There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.

There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.