

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

November 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude *Elegy* by Franklin Ritter

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Sarah Person**

Opening Words *On Veterans Day* by Wren Bellavance-Grace

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

Chalice Lighting (*Everyone can light their candles at home.*)
(*in unison*) *For Those Who Serve* by Cynthia Landrum

*In honor of those who have served,
And those who continue to serve,
At home and abroad, for peace and in war,
We light our chalice,
And we offer our thanks.*

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 **Nicola Wilbar**
To Music (An Die Musik) by Franz Schubert

Message for All Ages **Kelly Lownds**
Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood
by Valerie Pfundstein

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

Meditation *During Wartime* by Mark Belletini

Hymn #1002 *Comfort Me (see page 5)*

Reading Excerpts from *Return* by George A. Tyger

Sermon *Thank You for Your Service* **Rev. Sarah Person**

Offertory *America, the Beautiful* by Bates & Ward, arr. Hardin

Closing Words by Norbert Capek

Hymn #148 *Let Freedom Span Both East and West (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 #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

Bring Him Home

Patty Simon, flute
by Claude-Michel Schönberg



Music Notes

Kudos to Nicola Wilbar for today's musical offering, an English version of a 19th century German art song by one of the greatest Romantic songwriters, Franz Schubert. The translated lyrics to "An Die Musik" are as follows:

*Oh lovely muse, how oft in hours of sadness,
When life's mad stream engulfed me in its whirl,
Hast thou, my heart, enflamed with warmer gladness,
Hast raised my soul to a better, better world.*

*Oft now a sigh from out thy harp is spoken,
A sweeter chord, a holier word from thee.
A brighter day; heaven's gates to me are open,
Oh lovely muse, my thanks I give to thee.*

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.

Comfort Me

Words & music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble

Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.

Comfort me, comfort me,
comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me...

Speak for me, speak for me...

Dance with me, dance with me...

Let Freedom Span Both East and West

Words: Jacob Trapp

Music: African American spiritual

Let freedom span both east and west, and love both south and north,
in universal fellowship throughout the whole wide earth.

In beauty, wonder, everywhere, let us communion find;
compassion be the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Beyond all barriers of race, of color, caste, or creed,
let us make friendship, human worth, our common faith and deed.

Then east and west will meet and share, and south shall build with north,
one human commonwealth of good throughout the whole wide earth.