

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough

December 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Susan Hotchkiss
Traditional Irish melody

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sarah Person

Opening Words

Surrender to This Life

by Gretchen Haley

Hymn

In These Hard Times (see page 3)

Chalice Lighting *(Everyone can light their candles at home.)*
(in unison) In the Spirit of Love I light this chalice.

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

Be Still by Joseph King, Isaac Slade, David Welsh & Ben Syssocki (The Fray)
Arr. Francesca Marzolino

Nicola Wilbar

Message for All Ages

Angry Octopus

Kelly Lownds
by Lori Lite

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

Responsive Reading

Litany for the Season by Peter Friedrichs
Please respond with the words "We remember, We forgive, We love."

Hymn

Give Me Birds at the Dawning (See page 4)

Share Reflections

Hymn *There Is a Love (See page 5)*

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Offertory **Patty Simon and Juli Gould**

Il Est Ne, Le Divin Enfant and Sussex Carol
2 duets by Jean-Baptiste Loeillet, arr. by Jonathan Deloach

Closing Words *A Christmas Prayer* by Maureen Killoran

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 **Patty Simon and Susan Hotchkiss**
Ashokan Farewell by Jay Unger and Molly Mason

In These Hard Times

by Linda Hirschhorn (after Bertolt Brecht)

Repeat 5 times

In these hard times there will always be singing
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Give Me Birds at the Dawning

Words and music by Betsy Binstock

Arr. Peter & Mary Alice Amidon

Give me birds at the dawning, birds at the dawning,
birds at the dawning to sing my soul awake.

Give me breezes at midday, breezes at midday,
breezes at midday to sing my soul awake.

Give me rainbows at teatime, rainbows at teatime,
rainbows at teatime to sing my soul awake.

Give me love in the evening, love in the evening,
love in the evening to sing my soul awake.

Give me moon in the nighttime, moon in the nighttime,
moon in the nighttime to sing my soul awake.

Give me birds at the dawning, birds at the dawning
birds at the dawning to sing my soul awake.

There Is a Love

by Rebecca Parker/Elizabeth Norton

(Sing both verses once, repeat both verses as a round)

There is a Love holding me.

There is a Love holding all that I love.

There is a Love holding all.

I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.

There is a Love holding all that we love.

There is a Love holding all.

We rest in this Love.