

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford
Saco, Maine

September 25, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church Safety Meeting – September 25

In this time of turmoil in our country and state, safety in public places has become more of a concern. Join us after the service on Sunday, Sept. 25, to learn about and discuss church safety. Sometime after this meeting we hope to have a member of our local police force speak to us and give you an opportunity to share concerns and/or ask questions.

Saco Pumpkin Festival – October 22

We would like the UUCSB to be a presence at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday 10/22. We need you! Please contact Randa at (207) 710-6549, randat@zwi.net, about your availability. The planning meeting is on Wednesday 9/28 at 5:30 PM at the church.

Covid-19 Guidelines

Masks are OPTIONAL inside
Masks off when speaking in pulpit area
Sit in appropriately marked pews - social distance unless in same household
Hand sanitizer stations
Social hour in the parish hall

Coffee Hosts, Ushers & Flowers Needed

We need Ushers and flower donations every Sunday. Coffee hosts are also needed to make coffee, bring snacks, and clean up. Please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms. Thanks.

Hannaford Gift Cards

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Parish Hall on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%.

Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office (uuchurch@zwi.net) by 10 AM the Wednesday prior to the Sunday they are to appear. Announcements will not be carried over to the next week unless you notify us no later than Wednesday. Thanks.

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:
Ubuntu – Being in Community

Rev. Niki Norman

Rev. Niki Norman is a community chaplain and interfaith minister in southern Maine. Rev Niki graduated from and was ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine in 2020, where she currently serves as a board member. Rev Niki provides weekly interfaith services each week for the residents of St Joseph's Rehab and Residence in Portland and was honored to be the Minister of the Week at Ferry Beach in the summer of 2021. Rev Niki is a member of the UUCSB and is deeply grateful for the support from the UUCSB community. She loves people, laughter, music, cats, and poetry, in no particular order!

NEXT SUNDAY – October 2
Choosing Each Other, Choosing the World

Rev. Gabriel Burford & Rev. Todd Glacy

Ordained this year by the interfaith Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, Rev. Burford spends much of his time advocating for a grassroots-level response to climate change. He is an organizer with the Karuna Movement, an emergent climate movement founded in Midcoast Maine, writes the weekly climate periodical "Love For Our Time," and fosters the exploration of spirituality and climate response at The Rose Climate Chapel, an online community of belonging. Rev. Gabe graduated from Sterling College in 2015 with a self-designed major in Perception Studies, in which he focused on the transformative potential of contemplative practice and philosophical worldviews. He maintains an avid interest in the study of meditation and yoga of service across the spectrum of traditions, and believes that deepening our sense of belonging and care for one another is one of the most powerful acts we can share in this time, wherever we choose to show up for the world.

Rev. Glacy is a self-described Enlightenment Advocate, Empowerment Educator and Instigator of Joy. He works extensively as a coach, counselor, speaker, musician and facilitator helping and inspiring people to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.

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Greetings & Announcements – Brian Dustin

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude – Paul Benya
You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Choir *Joy Introit* – Lila J. Cobb

***Hymn #361** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Lighting of the Chalice
– Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

Reading of the Covenant

This is our sacred promise:
To gather together in peace
To seek truth in love
To serve human need
So that all shall grow in harmony with the divine.
Our Covenant

Sharing from the Heart (*Joys and Concerns*)

Prayer #123 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me;
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free.
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***Hymn #128** *For All That Is Our Life*

Reading – Rev. Gretchen Haley

Reflection *Belonging in the Wider World*
– Rev. Niki Norman

Silent and Spoken Meditation

Love After Love – Derek Walcott

Choir *There is a Love*
– Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker and Elizabeth Norton

The Work of This Church – Offertory

***Song of Gratitude and Celebration**
From all that dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope and love arise.
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Amen.

***Extinguish the Chalice**
As we release this flame
From its faithful service today
We allow the spark in each of us to burn on;
To warm our compassion,
To fire our delight
To light our paths,
Today, tomorrow and always.

***Hymn #395** *Sing and Rejoice*

Closing Words – Wendell Berry

Postlude

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**
Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Wendy & Paul Coleman
Flowers – Sonja Gerken
Coffee Hour –

Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.