UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

February 13, 2021

Greetings & Announcements

- Diane Eiker

Sounding of the Singing Bowl

Prelude

- Paul Benya

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Welcoming Words

Opening Reading – Tao Te Ching (A New Interpretation) *Make the Ordinary Come Alive*

Choir Come, Come, Whoever You Are – Rumi/Ungar

*Lighting of the Chalice

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.

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 #16 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Message This is No Ordinary Time

Rev. Lori Whittemore

The Work of This Church - Offertory

Come Sunday

Ellington

- Alex Caron, Accompanist

Share the Plate – Saco Food Pantry

While under Covid restrictions your financial gifts will gratefully be accepted in the offering plates as you leave the Sanctuary.

*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.

* **Hymn #145** As Tranquil Streams

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.

Benediction

Postlude Over the Rainbow – Ellie Rolnick – Arlen/Harburg/Arr: Kamakawiwo'ole

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

Usher

Flowers – Dorinne Spirito

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Covid-19 Guidelines

Masks must be worn inside
Softly singing with masks on
Masks off when speaking in pulpit area
Sit in appropriately marked pews - social distance unless in
same household
Hand sanitizer stations
No coffee hour - feel free to socialize outdoors

Ushers & Flowers

We need Ushers and flower donations every Sunday. 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 Nursery on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.

Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office (<u>uuchurch@gwi.net</u>) by 10 AM the <u>Wednesday</u> 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 <u>Wednesday</u>. Thanks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP: <u>This is No Ordinary Time</u> <u>Rev. Lori Whittemore</u>

Rev. Lori Whittemore (Rev. Lori) serves as a contract minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco/Biddeford. She holds a Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminar and is ordained by Chaplaincy Institute of Maine (Chime). She is a Board-Certified Clinical Chaplain and Diplomate Supervisor certified by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. She is currently completing work for her doctorate in ministry from the George Fox University's Portland Seminary focusing on semiotics, church and culture. She is delighted to be with you.

NEXT SUNDAY – February 20 <u>Laughter – It Really is the Best Medicine!</u> Rev. Niki Norman

Rev. Niki Norman is a graduate of ChIME – the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine, and was ordained by ChIME in 2020. Also a member of the UUCSB, Rev Niki is very grateful for the love and support from the the UUCSB congregation.