

# UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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**April 3, 2022**

## Greetings & Announcements

– Jane Perkins

## Sounding the Singing Bowl

### Prelude

– Paul Benya

*You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.*

## Call to Worship

### \*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.

\*Hymn #209 *O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls*

## 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.

**Reading** *The Gospel of Pokémon, vs. 1-4*

**Reflection** *A New Communion*

– Rev. Lori Whittemore

## The Work of This Church – Offertory

**Share the Plate** – MUUSAN

*We are delighted to be returning to  
passing the plate this morning.*

## \*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 #323 *Break Not the Circle*

## 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 #318 *We Would Be One*

## Benediction

## Special Music

– Niki Norman

## Postlude

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**\*Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

**Thanks for making our worship possible:**

Usher – Sonja & Matt Gerken

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 are OPTIONAL 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

Social hour in the parish hall – no food or coffee

#### **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.

#### **Pledge Update**

Hi Folks!

Just a quick update to tell you where we are regarding our 2022-2023 church budget. Gratefully, we have received \$25,285 towards our \$66,000 goal this year. Thank you! As a gentle reminder, we hope to hear from those who have yet to send in their pledges. These are busy, busy times and it is easy for that pledge envelope to be forgotten for the moment. We hope to hear from you soon. Extended pledge date is Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. See you in church!

***Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office ([uuchurch@gwi.net](mailto:uuchurch@gwi.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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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:** **The Gospel According to Pokémon** **Rev. Lori Whittemore**

Rev Dr. Lori Whittemore is the contract minister for UUCSB. She will be speaking this morning about contextualizing a living tradition into today's languages and dialects. Or perhaps deciphering and highlighting the principles that are already in them. Let's play Pokémon."

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – April 10** **The Long and Winding Road** **Rev. Lori Whittemore**

The Rev Dr Lori Whittemore is the contract minister for UUCSB leading the church on a 6 stage pilgrimage. This month is the 4th stage of our pilgrimage, the contemplation stage. Next week is Palm Sunday. We will contemplate long and difficult journeys.

