

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

June 5, 2022

Greetings & Announcements – Jane Perkins

Sounding the Singing Bowl

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

Welcoming Words – William Schultz

Opening Prayer

***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 #115** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 – from the Prophet Mohammed

***Hymn #127** *Can I See Another's Woe?*

Reflection *In the Broader Community*

– Rev. Lori Whittemore

Guests Cherie and Sheldon Nightingale
Saco Food Pantry

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – WIONN

Welcome Immigrants, Our New Neighbors

***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 #219** *O Hear, My People*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers –

Flowers – Anne Dobson

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

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

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 Parish Hall 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 (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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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP: **Encountering the Broader Community**

Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

Joining us today are Cheryl and Sheldon Nightingale who are involved with the Saco Food Pantry. Sheldon and Cherie met and married 51 years ago in Meriden, Connecticut and after their son was born, moved back to Bucksport, Maine. Sheldon worked in construction management and Cherie worked for Hannaford, mostly in the pharmacy. When they retired and decided to move closer to our son, his wife and their two daughters that live in Saco and our daughter and her husband and two daughters that live in Hollis. They both enjoy being around people and when asked decided to volunteer for Age Friendly Saco. During the pandemic, they were asked to help at the Saco Food Pantry and have been volunteering our time with both organizations. They keep us busy, but always make time for family. Since retirement, they have traveled to Asia, Ireland, Greece, Ecuador, Spain, Portugal, and are going to the Czech Republic in a few days.

NEXT SUNDAY – June 12

How We Get There

Rev. Niki Norman

Reverend 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!