

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

October 9, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Fair Meeting – October 16

There will be a meeting after church next Sunday, October 16th for anyone interested in working on the holiday fair.

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@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:

The Courage to Act

Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

Rev. Lori Whittemore serves as a contract minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford. She holds a Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary and is ordained by the 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 received her doctorate in ministry from the George Fox University's Portland Seminary focusing on semiotics, church and culture. She is delighted to be with us.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 16

Courageous Activism

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!

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Greetings & Announcements – Anne Dobson

Sounding the Singing Bowl

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

Words of Welcome

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

***Hymn #1000** *Morning Has Come*

Lighting of the Chalice (unison)

Out of the flames of fear
We rise with courage of our deepest convictions
to stand for justice, inclusion and peace
Out of the flames of scrutiny
We rise to proclaim our faith
With hope to heal a fractured and hurting world
Out of the flames of doubt
We rise to embrace the mystery, wonder and awe
of all there is and all that is yet to be
Out of the flames of hate
We rise with the force of love
Love that celebrates our shared humanity
Out of the flames we rise.

Choir

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 *Dear Mother Earth* – XxMidnight_WolfieX

***Hymn #302** *Children of the Human Race*

Message *The Courage To Act*

– Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – Natural Resources Council of Maine

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

Closing Words

Choir

Postlude

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

Ushers – Donna Beveridge & Betsey Pace
Flowers – Dianne Eiker
Coffee Hour – Wendy & Paul Coleman

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